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BIG-NAME SHOPS PLAN APPROVED

BY CARL JACKSON

MULTI-MILLION pound plans which will transform an abandoned site bringing new shops, big retail names and new jobs have been approved.

The proposal for the old Olaf Johnson site off Cannock Road in Burntwood was given the go-ahead by Lichfield District Council's planning committee meeting on Monday.

B&M and Iceland are among the big names expected to arrive at the centre.

Burntwood Town Council chairman Beth Fisher, who also represents the town on the district authority, said it was 'great news' that the plans had been approved and the scheme was 'exactly what the town needs'.

"This is an application that will boost the local economy," she said.

"We are delighted to have this interest in our town, and it is applications like this which will give it a good reputation for shoppers – something which we have been told for years we need. I am not sure exactly how long it will take before work starts but it is great news that the plans have been approved.

"Hopefully, getting these shops in will encourage others to do the same. People are having to go to Cannock, Lichfield and Tamworth, and we want them staying to shop in Burntwood. This is exactly what the town needs."

Parking

The application for the development, which will see £7,259 square metres (78,135 sq ft) of vacant land transformed, was submitted by London and Cambridge Estates,

It will be split into three blocks, block A featuring nine shops, block B housing three, and block C a drive-through restaurant. In total, there will be 272 parking spaces for shoppers.

A planning report prepared for Monday's meeting confirmed that B&M and Iceland are still expected to occupy two of the units.

The others are unconfirmed, although food retail would be restricted to 18 per cent of the developed area due to the close proximity of Aldi, Morrisons and the Co-op.

The scheme will also feature a pedestrian walkway from the site to Cannock Road to encourage footfall between the new shops and Sankey's Corner.

The main access will be developed to link up to the Morrisons mini-island.

While most are in favour of the development, some residents have raised concerns about additional traffic.

The district council's planning expert who recommended approval said: "It is considered that the development would not have a detrimental impact on the surrounding highway network and there would be appropriate connectivity through to Sankey's Corner to ensure a cohesive town centre shopping facility for the residents of Burntwood."

DANCE COUPLE SAY 'WE DO' TO STUDIO VENTURE

Francesca Moorcroft and husband James, who are co-owners of new dance studio Studio 1

HE became an internet sensation after he surprised his new bride with a special wedding dance involving their friends.

Now James Moorcroft and his wife Francesca have opened up their own dance studio.

The pair, both aged 28 and living at Jubilee Drive, Cannock, recently launched Studio 1 on Town Hill, Walsall, with professional dancers Ryan McShane and Ksenia Zfikhotska.

The latter two are dancing instructors, along with Greg McDonagh and Joe Hopwood, both of whom starred in James's viral dance video, while the Moorcrofts design and help create dancewear at the new studio. Former dancer James and three friends took the floor halfway through his slow dance with Francesca to James Bay's If I Ain't Got You and performed an hilarious five-minute routine for her and guests at their wedding in Endon, Staffordshire.

The footage included Latin, disco, Gangnam-style and even a slow-motion clip.

A Facebook video of the four, all past or present UK dance champions, had more than 200,000 views online. The couple are now offering wedding packages and the chance to learn a special dance for future brides, just like James did for his wife back in 2015.

He said: "We were in the pub one day having a drink talking about opening a studio when I checked my phone and saw this place.

"The estate agent was just coming out of a meeting so we rushed over and immediately saw what a brilliant place this would be for ballroom dancing."

Asked about how the wedding video changed his life, he added: "It helped us think about how a dance studio that taught wedding routines might be a profitable business."

ROADS

Filling good! MP is told potholes will be repaired

CANNOCK CHASE MP Amanda Milling has spoken of her delight that problem potholes are to be repaired by Staffordshire County Council.

They include Five Ways Island at Heath Hayes and Hill Top in Hednesford, both of which the MP has highlighted in her Pothole Patrol campaign.

Ms Milling said she was informed of the repairs following a tour of the district with Mark Deaville, highways portfolio holder on the county council.

"There are some parts of the constituency that seem particularly in need of repair," Ms Milling said.

"After visiting these sites with Councillor Deaville, he has confirmed that these sites will now be repaired and works are being scheduled. This is fantastic news and long overdue." During the tour, they also visited Church Road in Norton Canes where highways engineers were repairing potholes.

Meanwhile, obscene graffiti was sprayed next to potholes in School Road, Rugeley. Seven potholes had been circled in yellow spray paint with a different swear word written at each.

James Bailey, commissioner for highways at the county council, said: "We have been made aware of this issue and will be working with our contractors to ensure the graffiti is obscured or completely burned off."

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DRUGS

Cannabis found in police raid on home

A SUSPECTED cannabis factory was discovered when police raided a home in Cannock and searched the loft.

Officers executed a warrant on Sunday. Staffordshire Police community engagement officer Paula James said: "We entered a house on Woodpigeon Drive in Cannock with a warrant as part of 50-50, our campaign of 50 days of activity of consistent enforcement activity.

"Within the loft, officers found a small grow containing two large cannabis plants and one smaller plant. The occupants were away so no arrests have been made."

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Smooth outlook with £1m investment

Briar Keen – 'encouraging'

A CANNOCK-BASED shaving products company has secured a £1.25 million investment boost to drive fresh growth.

Friction Free Shaving, aimed at women, delivers its subscription products by post from its base on Heritage Park, Heath Hayes, and has built up more than 8,000 regular customers in its first 18 months. And co-founder Briar Keen believes the investment could see the business build up to 24,000 customers by the end of this year.

It claims to be the world's first shaving subscription company for women and has secured a seven-figure venture capital investment with Athene Capital to drive growth in partnership with one of Britain's largest publishing groups, Northern & Shell, for a major marketing campaign.

Briar said: "We are thrilled about this deal and have already seen some really encouraging results from our early activities with the Northern & Shell media team.

"With the ongoing support from Northern & Shell and Athene Capital we believe this investment will allow us to treble our subscriber numbers by the end of the year, and fulfil our mission to empower as many women as possible to get a fair deal when it comes to shaving."

Lloyd Thomas, managing partner of Athene Capital, said: "The management team at Friction Free Shaving have identified a huge and untapped opportunity in the market of women's shaving subscriptions. We are very confident in their ability to drive rapid growth."

Richard Martin, group commercial director, Northern & Shell, said: "This media partnership outlines our ongoing initiative to support promising start-up businesses in the UK.

102,000 sq ft unit to meet business demand

PLANS for a 102,000 sq ft industrial unit at a Cannock business park have been submitted.

Midland commercial developer Trebor Developments has submitted plans to speculatively build the unit at the Kingswood Lakeside park.

It is hoped it will be open for occupation in the first half of next year.

The site will be known as Rapida at Lakeside and was announced at MIPM, the international commercial property festival held in Cannes, France.

Bob Tattrie, managing partner of Trebor Developments, said: "We are delighted to bring forward a further, major, industrial development in the Midlands and to be developing again in Cannock, following the successful opening of the Gateway Retail Park in 2016.

"The new building will provide quality accommodation to B2 (manufacturing) or B8 (logistics) users, with its excellent access onto the adjacent motorway network and at 102,000 sq ft represents a size of accommodation that is not currently generally available right across the West Midlands. We look forward to satisfying occupiers requirements."

Flagship

Kingswood Lakeside is close to junction 7 of the M6 Toll and junctions 11 and 12 of the M6. Businesses operating there include HellermannTyton and Veolia.

Staffordshire County Council's economic growth leader Mark Winnington said: "Kingswood Lakeside is one of our flagship business parks with major companies operating there."

Cannock Chase Council leader George Adamson said: "This is brilliant news.

"The site is very popular due to its links with the A34, the A5, M6 and M6 Toll, which make it an attractive proposition for developers.

"It is great that this investment is being made in Cannock – business in the area is booming."

Trebor Developments recently completed an industrial facility at the county council's Redhill Business Park in Stafford.

Redhill Business Park is already home to some of the town's major employers such as Screwfix, while global rail giant Alstom has been steadily relocating to the site.

Scorched earth after arson attack

The aftermath of the Gentleshaw fire, which appears to have exposed a badger sett. *Picture: Geoff Stockle*

SUSPECTED arsonists started a blaze which destroyed a huge section of Gentleshaw Common on one of the hottest days of the year.

The blaze broke out as temperatures soared on Saturday.

Fire crews and police were called to the site as the large grass fire gave off dense clouds of smoke that could be seen across the area.

Some roads were closed for safety reasons and people were told to avoid the area. The common is a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and is popular with families on walks and picnics during warm weather.

Meanwhile, 11 firefighters were sent out to tackle a blaze on Cannock Chase. The fire took hold at 6pm on Monday along Valley Road, Hednesford, behind the Museum of Cannock Chase.

No-one is believed to have been hurt in the blaze.

A spokesman for the Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service said: "The fire was what we call a secondary fire, which means an ordinary outdoor fire."

The blaze in Hednesford
Picture: Cannock Chase Radio

Delays after lorry goes through M6 barriers

DRIVERS faced major delays on the M6, M5 and M54 after a serious crash.

A lorry smashed through the central reservation of the M6 at 10.30pm on Monday, closing the motorway between junctions 9 and 10 near Walsall.

As a result, two lanes out of three remained closed southbound and one lane was shut northbound while repair works continued into Tuesday morning. No-one is believed to be injured.

The problems had a knock-on effect to traffic joining the M6 at junction 10a from the M54, with queues back to junction 1 at Featherstone.

It came after a collision on the M6 near junction 12 caused long delays for motorists on Sunday. The incident happened on the southbound carriageway at Cannock at 9.30am.

Traffic was diverted off the motorway with queues tailing back beyond junction 13. Barriers needed repairing and spillage had to be cleared up, causing hours of frustration for drivers.

A man was taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries and was also arrested by police.

● A man has been described as 'very lucky' after a crash in Cannock.

The A5 Watling Street was closed for three hours after the collision between a Seat car and a Ducati bike at 5pm last Wednesday. No-one was seriously injured but a 45-year-old man was taken to hospital after suffering knee injuries.

Insp John Ward said: "We were originally told it was quite serious. He's a very lucky gentleman."

Meeting to mark trail extension

BRIDGTOWN & District Local History Society is holding an open meeting on Wednesday, April 19, to celebrate the continuing regeneration of the village and an extension to the heritage trail being created by the society.

The meeting is at the Bethel Chapel in Union Street at 10am.

It will include a visit to the new housing development on the former Edgemere Tool site, where a ceremony to launch the latest information board will be held.

For members unable to make the journey to the site, a presentation/slide show will be available.

On the return to the chapel, there will be a short presentation on the future plans for extension of the heritage trail. Refreshments will be available.

Discovering day at military museum

THE Staffordshire Regiment Museum at Whittington is to host one of its popular discovery days on Monday.

People interested in military history can learn about the uniforms and vehicles while those interested in the future can take part in LEDsabre battles.

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Land sale to boost chances in contests

COUNCIL bosses are proposing to offload a protected plot of land so it can be spruced up and included in Best Kept Village competitions.

Cannock Chase Council's cabinet will meet today (Thursday) to discuss the site in Norton Canes.

The plot, at the corner of Norton Green Lane and Butts Lane, is grassed, partly hedged and has mature trees. A covenant restricts the use of the land to public open space.

Norton Canes Parish Council wants to take ownership of it on a lease basis of £250 a year. Michael Tichford, the district council's head of economic development, has recommended bosses vote the move through.

In a report, he said: "Norton Canes Parish Council wishes to take over responsibility for maintenance of the land and create a garden area to possibly include an information board and a BT phone box. It is proposed that the land would contribute towards the parish council's entry in Best Kept Village competitions.

"The proposal has the support of the council's landscape section.

"The council has previously granted leases to the parish council for a similar purpose – in 2002, land at the corner of Burntwood Road/Walsall Road (now known as Jubilee Gardens) and in 2012 land at Burntwood Road/Brownhills Road (now known as Millennium Gardens).

"Both existing leases are for a term of 10 years at a peppercorn rental with the parish council being responsible for the maintenance of the land."

Break-in bids in broad daylight

THREE day-time incidents in one day in the Cannock Chase district have prompted a warning from police.

Nothing has been reported stolen in any of the attempts which took place on Tuesday last week.

An intruder was seen entering a garden and then a garage at a home in Red Lion Avenue, Norton Canes, but fled when he realised he was being watched. A blue Renault Megane was seen outside the property at the time.

In another incident a would-be burglar tries to force a back door at a house in Kensington Place but was unsuccessful. The third break-in was in Penkridge Bank Road, Rugeley. Again a rear door was forced, triggering an alarm causing the suspect to leave empty-handed.

Street collection raised £107.14

LOCAL volunteers took to the streets of Rugeley to raise money for Compassion in World Farming.

The collection on January 25 raised £107.14 to help in the campaign for improved farm-animal welfare.

Chance to join in with falcon survey

Peregrine Watch is now under way

BIRD lovers are being asked to help monitor the fastest animal on Earth by joining a Peregrine Watch scheme.

As part of Peregrine Watch, Staffordshire Wildlife Trust is inviting people to join its wardens to help monitor the stunning bird of prey at The Roaches nature reserve this spring.

This year's Peregrine Watch is now under way, and last year's breeding pair have already been spotted during the past few weeks.

As well as recording sightings, volunteers act as a point of contact with visitors at the nature reserve near Leek and pass on information on how to best not disturb the peregrines.

A large and powerful falcon, the peregrine has long, broad, pointed wings and a relatively short tail. It is agile in flight, chasing prey.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) says that breeding strongholds are the uplands of the north and west, and rocky coasts.

Last year, more than 5,000 people were able to see the birds as part of the project.

Jon Rowe, Staffordshire Wildlife Trust's roaches warden, said: "We have been very lucky to have a breeding pair of peregrines at the Roaches during the past few years.

"We are looking for volunteers to help us minimise disturbance to the birds and ensure they have the best chance of breeding.

"Volunteers can commit whatever time they can to Peregrine Watch, and no expert knowledge is required."

For more information email Jon Rowe – j.rowe@staffs-wildlife.org.uk – or call 07891 918446.

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Council worker sacked for £5k showers theft

A COUNCIL worker was sacked after stealing £5,000 worth of showers from his employers which had been set aside for disabled and elderly people with extra needs.

Between June and November last year, Darren Haywood took 23 Mira Advance Flex units from the stores building at Hawks Green Depot which belonged to Cannock Chase Council and were due to be issued to housing tenants.

He has now been convicted and sentenced to a community order but authority bosses are angered that the 38-year-old from Lupin Drive, Huntington, escaped a compensation order and are considering civil action to reclaim the amount.

Haywood's stealing came to light after an audit revealed a small number of showers were missing and the matter was reported to Staffordshire Police. As the investigation unfolded, it emerged that more units had been taken than originally thought. The total value came to £5,027.80. Haywood was subsequently charged with theft by employee.

He initially denied the allegations but later changed his plea to guiltyas the trial neared.

Nasty

Haywood has now been sentenced at Cannock Magistrates Court to a 12-month community order and must carry out 80 hours of unpaid work. He was also ordered to pay £200 costs and a £85 victim surcharge.

Council leader Councillor George Adamson said: "This was nasty act which delays people getting these adaptations into their homes because they will have to be re-ordered.

"It was a mean and despicable thing to do. I am surprised and disappointed there was not a compensation order. This cost the council a lot of money. We are now considering taking him to civil court to get our money back.

"Thankfully, these sorts of cases are rare. When this was discovered, the decision was taken to suspend him and it was reported to Staffordshire Police. They initially only charged him with stealing a few showers but he later admitted taking more. He was sacked. We don't want him if he's dishonest."

A council spokesperson said: "The matter was subject to internal disciplinary procedures and referred to Staffordshire Police. The council is satisfied with the outcome of the criminal proceedings and can confirm that this individual is no longer employed by the council."

Back at work – Glenn Hughes at Hollywood's Sunset Sound studio
Picture from @glenn_hughes

Rocker Glenn back in studio

CANNOCK-BORN rock hero Glenn Hughes has been keeping fans updated on his return to the studio.

The former Deep Purple and Black Sabbath bassist and singer shared photographs from Sunset Sound studio in Hollywood on his Twitter page.

It marks a leap back into work for Hughes, 64, after the death of his mother Sheila on February 1.

The new photographs show the rocker clutching his Ibanez bass guitar at the world famous studio, where more than 200 gold records have been recorded, including Prince's Purple Rain and The Beach Boys' Pet Sounds. It comes after Hughes shared pictures of his supergroup Black Country Communion at the same studio in January.

The group was recording its fourth album, the band's first for five years, following 2012's Afterglow, which reached the top 50 in the Billboard 200 in the US.

The star, who also fronted the early-1970s Wolverhampton band Trapeze, tweeted: "Layin' it all down in Hollywood @sunsetsound – album details soon."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Response received on A&E concerns

THE Government has responded to the leader of Stafford Borough Council after he expressed concerns about the potential downgrade of County Hospital's A&E department.

Council leader Patrick Farrington wrote jointly to the Prime Minister and Health Secretary to say the authority would not back any proposal which removed emergency capability from Weston Road.

He said: "I had a response through the Department of Health which said they would contact the local NHS trust to raise the issues I had raised."

Meeting to focus on town's issues

RESIDENTS have a chance to discuss local issues at next week's Hednesford Annual Town Meeting.

The meeting is being held at Pye Green Community Centre, in Bradbury Lane, at 7pm on Tuesday.

"This is the opportunity for all the electors of Hednesford to come together to discuss issues relating to the area and also hear reports of the activities of town organisations and groups," Town Council manager Peter Harrison said.

For further details of the meeting, call 01543 424872.

Leader seeks vow on Chase fracking

A SENIOR councillor wants MPs to ensure Cannock Chase is not used for fracking.

George Adamson, leader of Cannock Chase Council, recently claimed the beauty spot had been left 'vulnerable' after the Government ruled fracking in Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty would be banned only if it was high volume.

He says he has spoken with Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling, who has echoed his thoughts.

Band return to city for second concert

STAFFORDSHIRE band Juniper Wolf are preparing to play the O2 Academy in Birmingham tomorrow (Friday).

It will be their second gig after their debut show at The Sunflower Lounge in the city last month.

The four-piece band, based in Stafford and Cannock, will play the Academy3 venue as part of the Catapult Club, which celebrates emerging talent in the region. Listen to the band at www.facebook.com/JuniperWolfMusic or on Twitter at @JuniperWolfBand

Glimpse of £500k gym

LOCAL people will get their first chance to see inside a new £500,000 health and fitness club on Saturday. Anytime Fitness Cannock is hosting a public open day at its new High Green Court club from 9.30am to 4.30pm. The revamp of the former Dunelm Mill store is generating 10 new jobs.

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COUNTY NEWS

Vigilance urged on dumped waste

FARMERS, landowners, businesses, and members of the public in the West Midlands are being asked to be more vigilant after a number of incidents where large amounts of processed or baled waste has been dumped.

Over the last 12 months the Environment Agency in the West Midlands has seen an increase of illegally dumped waste on public and private land. Anyone with information on illegal waste activities, can log onto www.crimestoppers-uk.org or call 0800 555 111 or via the Environment Agency Incident hotline on 0800 80 70 60.

Time to help birds and bees

BARRATT Homes, in partnership with the RSPB, is encouraging residents of new homes in the Black Country to put a spring in the step of local wildlife this season.

The homebuilders have teamed up with the RSPB to give customers five top tips to create a home for wildlife in their garden this spring and do their bit for British wildlife.

They include opening a bee B&B, creating a mini pond and looking after butterflies. For step-by-step guides to each of activity, visit www.rspb.org.uk/homes.

Primary choice: £53k premium

PARENTS in the West Midlands face paying a premium of almost £53,000 to live near a primary school rated as outstanding, research has found.

Those in the region are paying the highest 'primary school premium' to live in an admission area of a school that is rated by Ofsted as outstanding, compared with living near a school that requires improvement.

The research combines house asking price figures, from website Rightmove, with data provided by 192.com.

Marling the darling of city folk event

FOLK singer-songwriter Laura Marling will be one of the headliners at one of Birmingham's main music festivals. She is playing on the Sunday night of the Moseley Folk Festival.

This year's event takes place in Moseley Park from September 1 to 3.

The Friday night headliner is Amy McDonald with The Magic Numbers second on the bill. Saturday's line-up is headed by Argentinian-Swedish indie folk singer-songwriter and guitarist Jose Gonzalez.

Singer to be indie pub

FORMER Inspiral Carpets singer Tom Hingley is to play a solo acoustic concert in Wolverhampton.

He will be appearing at The Newhampton Inn in Riches Street on April 21 with tickets priced £7. Tom featured on many of the band's chart hits including This Is How It Feels.

Councils told they can share part of £500m to help with road repairs

AS public uproar over the state of our roads continues, councils in the Black Country and Staffordshire have been reminded they can bid for a share of almost £500 million to deal with repairs.

The pot of cash is being made available by the Department of Transport to help fill potholes and make other road repairs. It is hoped the funding, which will be for schemes across England from 2018 to 2020, will also help tackle congestion.

Transport Minister Andrew Jones said: "We are investing record amounts on our roads – spending more than £23 billion on providing better journeys for motorists. We are also committing a further £1.3 billion up to 2020 to cut congestion and provide important upgrades to ensure our roads are fit for the future."

Meanwhile a major roadworks scheme lasting 18 months has been announced to improve a busy section of the A449, which is a gateway into Wolverhampton. Changes will be made to the road between Junction 2 of the M54, at Fordhouses, and Springfield Lane. Residents and businesses in the area will be consulted on the details of the scheme before it gets underway in September.

Council bosses say they will seek to minimise disruption while the works are carried out.

The aim is to improve access to i54, the Wolverhampton Business Park, and the Junction 2 employment area. The scheme is expected to be funded by the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership 'Local Growth Fund'. A drop-in session to see more details and discuss the scheme will be held on April 18, at St James Church, Taunton Avenue, Fordhouses between 2pm and 8pm. For further information or to send a comment call the council on 01902 551155 or email transport.strategy@wolverhampton.gov.uk.

Finally, roadworks on a stretch of the M6 have been completed in time for the Easter getaway.

Highways England said the work to repair damaged concrete and waterproofing material at Junction 7 for Great Barr had ended ahead of schedule thanks to the use of a new rapid-setting concrete.

An army of 38 repair specialists worked some 9,723 hours overnight and weekends. But it will be short relief for regular users of Midlands motorways with an 18-month scheme between Junctions 1 and 2 on the M5 due to get under way after Easter.

It's that sinking feeling

TOP OF THE POTS

THE Chronicle's mission to highlight the worst potholes in our region is off to a flying start with readers flagging up some real road horrors.

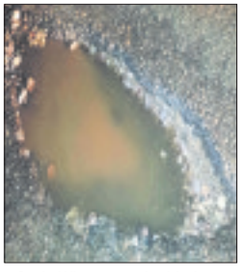
Last week we featured many pictures and reports of potholes sent in by readers from areas such as Cannock, Wolverhampton, Kingswinford and Bloxwich.

Today we can reveal more pothole-plagued hotspots endured by motorists every day.

Michelle Adkins highlighted the problems around the busy Hill Top island in Hednesford. This picture, top left, shows just one of a string of similar potholes which have to be tackled at the island where the Rugeley Road and East Cannock Road meet.

Just one of many where Rugeley Road and East Cannock Road meet

Damaged to a tyre done in Cat and Kittens Lane, Featherstone



Craig Winter sent in this from Bardy Lane in Longdon

Horrendous

The mother-of-one said: "It's a real bone-shaker. The whole island and the roads around it are covered in holes of varying depths. It looks more like a track than a main A-road in parts.

"I can't believe that main roads are allowed to get in this terrible state and then are just left.

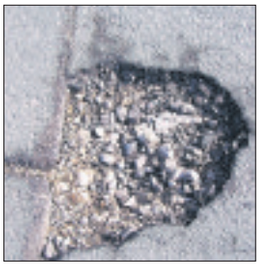
"This island is next to two schools and a garage as well as being the road to Rugeley. There is so much traffic on it and cars are bouncing in and out of horrendous holes."

The island is less than two miles from the notorious Five Ways Island in Heath Hayes which itself has received 38 reports to the county council about the condition of the road.

Both islands were recently pointed out to Staffordshire County Council highways chiefs by Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling who was 'assured that both are scheduled for work'.

Rachel Jenkins also shared her picture with us on Twitter of a damaged car. She said: "This happened in 2013 in Cat and Kittens Lane, Featherstone, and the pothole is still there now."

Colin Woodward of Hednesford had to replace a tyre costing over £116



Just one of many in Heath Street and Blewitt Street, Hednesford

This one in Hednesford with phone to give idea of the depth

Tithebarn Road in Rugeley, WS15 2QW is particularly bad, says Mr S Davies, with a huge deep pothole right in the centre of the road and several others in the road too.

"It is like being on a dirt track as we drive along there, and only four weeks ago, the front suspension spring snapped on our car, which cost us almost £200 to have repaired."

"There is also another deep pothole in the middle of Fortescue Lane, just round the corner from Tithebarn Road."

The A499 between Kingswinford and Kinver has a number of potholes. The worst are just before the junction with Lawnswood Road and after the traffic lights at the Stewponey, says reader C Nash.

"Both potholes have been reported to South Staffordshire Council but to date no repair work has been done. They have been classed as non urgent but the size and depth of them would suggest that they are a significant health and safety risk particularly to those on bicycles."

Colin Woodward said he had contacted MP Amanda Milling about the state of the roads in Hednesford.

He has had to replace a tyre costing more than £116, due to hitting a pothole in the dark. And Craig Winter from Rugeley sent in a picture of a bad pothole in Bardy Lane, Longdon which he hit last week and had to buy a new tyre.

The Chronicle wants to identify the top 10 pothole blackspots in the region to flag up to our councils and we need your help. If you know of any pothole-ridden routes or deep holes please let us know. You can email details of the road, preferably with a picture, your name and any comments you would like to make to Sue.Attwater@expressandstar.co.uk or drop us a line at Editorial, The Chronicles, 51-53 Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES.

'Stock up' plea ahead of holiday weekend

PEOPLE in Cannock and Rugeley are being encouraged to enjoy a healthy Easter by preparing ahead for the holiday period.

NHS Cannock Chase Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is advising people to take a few simple steps to look after their health.

By making sure they know when their GP surgery is open, have a supply of their repeat prescriptions medicines and over the counter remedies, people can ensure they make the most of the long Easter holiday weekend.

This year many GP surgeries across the area will close for four days from tomorrow (Good Friday) before re-opening on Tuesday. Dr Mo Huda, Rugeley GP and CCG chair, said: "After winter, Easter is the busiest time of year for our health services.

"We want to remind people of the small steps they can take to ensure minor illness doesn't ruin their Easter. Being prepared by having enough repeat medication to cover you and having some simple home remedies available can make all the difference if illness strikes.

"It is also important to plan ahead for any required repeat prescriptions over the Easter break, so please order and collect in good time."

"Over bank holiday periods we frequently get calls from people who haven't ordered their repeat prescriptions in time. This puts unnecessary pressure on out of hours services and can be avoided by ordering in good time."

Visit www.cannockchaseccg.nhs.uk o www.nhs.uk

Market season prompts alert on fake goods

PEOPLE are being urged to be vigilant and avoid buying counterfeit goods if they are heading to one of Staffordshire's Easter bank holiday markets or car boot sales.

The first bank holiday of spring marks the arrival of the car boot sale and markets season – and traders selling counterfeit and illicit goods.

The county council's trading standards team coordinates the national Real Deal markets campaign in Staffordshire. Market organisers can sign up to support the fight to stamp out the sale of counterfeit goods.

Most of the goods seized in 2016-17 were illicit tobacco products, although others included counterfeit electrical goods and cosmetics.

Staffordshire County Council's trading standards manager Brandon Cook said: "Bank holiday markets are great family events, and we support the organisers running them.

"We're part of the national Real Deal markets campaign which encourages market event organisers to help us in tackling counterfeit goods sales.

"We want people to avoid the pitfalls of counterfeit goods."

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'Delighted' mother in running for award

A MOTHER-OF-TWO and businesswoman from Cannock has been shortlisted for a top award.

Katie Love has been put forward for a People's Choice Award in recognition of her support to others within her franchise network.

Katie launched her business, The Creation Station Cannock, which offers award-winning, educational arts and crafts classes for children, in January.

Katie Love

She has now been nominated by fellow franchisees for her help and encouragement to other franchise owners.

The winner of the award will be announced at the 15th annual Creation Station Inspiring Imaginations Conference in Bristol on April 21.

Sarah Cressall, founder and managing director of The Creation Station Ltd, said: "Our franchise team make great positive contributions to their local community and really help children, families and adults to be creative and have fun together.

"I am very proud of all of our team, so judging the awards is really tough. Each year our franchise owners are becoming more and more successful, and the calibre is really high."

Katie said: "I am so delighted to have been shortlisted for the award.

"I love what I do, and I love being part of a network of inspiring people."

Woman, 41, hurt in M6 Toll crash

A WOMAN was injured after her car left the M6 Toll following a collision with a lorry.

It happened on the northbound carriageway between junctions T1 and T2 at 12.15pm last Wednesday.

A West Midlands Ambulance Service spokesman said: "The Ford Mondeo had collided with a large goods vehicle. The rear tail lift of the lorry was badly damaged.

"The car then left the motorway and went up the embankment going through a number of small trees and ending up embedded in a holly bush.

"The 41-year-old woman driving was briefly knocked unconscious."

After being freed by firefighters, she was taken to Good Hope Hospital. The lorry driver was uninjured.

Talk will focus on Madagascar

THE Cannock group of the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust is to host an illustrated talk on Madagascar by Peter Johnson on Wednesday at 7.30pm.

Admission to the event at St Luke's Church Centre, Cannock, is £2.

Quizmaster recalls Seven Stars glory days

The Seven Stars – talks over lease

A HEDNESFORD man who ran hundreds of quizzes at The Seven Stars has said he is sad to see it has closed for good.

Mark Rudd, aged 43, started running a weekly quiz at the pub, on the Cannock Road at Brocton, in 2000.

"It was a good 17 years – I think I did about 860 quizzes there in total," he said. "I think in the last few years the brewery might have let things slip but if you're planning on selling a place, you're not going to do it up. It's very sad to see the pub close."

The pub was previously known as the Oakhouse Inn, and Councillor Francis Finlay, who represents the Milford ward in which it was located, said it was 'a popular place'.

He said: "It is a reflection of the way society is changing today that another pub has had to close its doors.

"I haven't had any communication over why the site has been closed but it came as a shock to me.

"It had always been busy whenever I have been in over the years and seemed to be a popular place.

"Obviously it is sad as well because people would have had jobs there that they depended on. I hope the transition into whatever it becomes next is smooth."

Bosses at Mitchells & Butlers are now in talks to lease the site to a new company. The pub was closed down on March 19, with a statement released on behalf of Mitchells & Butlers reading: "We constantly review our estate and have taken the decision to transfer the Seven Stars, Stafford, to a lease business.

"The site has now closed, and we are in the process of finalising a lease agreement with a third party."

Monthly crime figures reach a two-year high

CANNOCK Chase has seen the highest amount of crimes recorded in a month for two years, with officers having to deal with 654 reports in March – more than 21 incidents a day.

Thefts became the most prominent crime in the district for the first time since October, overtaking violence against the person. There were 160 thefts in the month, rising from 117 in February.

A sharp rise in criminals breaking into vans and cars to steal property – rather than to take the vehicle itself – appears to be behind the spike, with incidents nearly quadrupling from 12 in February to 42 in March.

The figures, posted on the Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner website, provide the amount of incidents reported every month for the last two-year period.

Since April 2015, crimes have generally fluctuated between 400 and 600 incidents a month. March 2017 was only the second time in the period that incidents have topped the 600 mark – along with January 2017 when there were 604.

Decided

Councillor George Adamson, leader of Cannock Chase Council, expressed his concerns and said: "It is a worry, after years of cuts to local officers, it was bound to happen, like we said it would.

"We did review CCTV ourselves and decided to keep the CCTV throughout the district.

"Hopefully it will help catch some of these culprits. I think it is just a case of there are more incidents rather than more reporting of incidents.

"Things like thefts from vehicles – people have always reported them anyway, especially for insurance purposes. It is others like domestic violence that aren't being reported. The fact is, crime is going up."

In January it was revealed that the number of incidents in the district had risen by 10 per cent from 2015 to 2016.

Chief Inspector Geoff Knight, commander for Cannock Chase, said at the time: "Some of this is due to an increased confidence in crime reporting.

"Another reason is that more crime is recorded where police carry out proactive work and make more arrests." Mr Knight was unable to comment on the latest figures.

Antiques Road Trip calls in at market

Charles Hanson and Natasha Raskin at Penkridge Market *Picture courtesy of Kate Kingsley*

TWO TV antiques experts visited a Staffordshire market while filming for a show.

Charles Hanson and Natasha Raskin were at Cuttlestones Auctioneers in Pinfold Street, Penkridge, on Wednesday last week.

The pair were filming for the BBC's Antiques Road Trip, which sees experts set off on a journey around the UK searching for treasures and competing to make the most money at auction.

Hanson and Raskin, armed with the antiques they had collected nationwide, descended on the market town to auction off the items.

Dave Eglington, auctioneer and valuer, said: "They arrived early doors and brought the stuff in for auction to try and get it sold off.

"There was quite a lot of things they sold. It ranged from ceramics to clothing – there were 11 bits in total. They went to the market as well to do a bit of filming to show Penkridge as a market town."

Bumper crowds packed out the auction room for the visit of the TV stars. The show is currently in its 12th season.

Mr Eglington added: "Both of them were really nice and made time for people who came along and signed autographs."

For further details on auctions at Cuttlestones, go to www.cuttlestones.co.uk

NEWS IN BRIEF

Inmates charged over mass brawl

A GROUP of men accused of being involved in a mass brawl at a Staffordshire prison are set to appear at Stafford Crown Court next month.

It is alleged that a group of nine inmates attacked each other with pool cues and broken furniture during the incident at HM Prison Swinfen Hall on August 6 last year.

Five of the group appeared at Cannock Magistrates Court on Wednesday last week, while another three are set to appear on a different date.

All will attend Stafford Crown Court on May 5.

Last stop for bus company's boss

THE boss of a West Midlands bus company is to retire after 20 years on board.

Peter Coates, managing director of National Express's UK bus division, joined the transport firm from accountants Ernst & Young.

He went on to become finance director of UK Bus in 1999, rising to the position of MD in 2011.

National Express group chief executive Dean Finch said: "Peter has led with distinction, combining a passion for the bus business with a forensic understanding of its operations."

Quiz teams raise £770 for hospice

QUIZ fans in Cheslyn Hay helped to raise more than £750 for St Giles Hospice, Walsall – and the figure could be doubled.

More than 20 teams took part in the general knowledge test at Hawkins Sports & Social Club in Coppice Lane.

The Quizzly Bears won, but the hospice was the winner as a sum of £770.95 was raised, with a raffle, Play Your Cards Right and stand-up bingo adding to the pot. The amount could be match-funded by Barclays.

Opportunity to bag a bank holiday bargain

PEOPLE can bag a bank holiday bargain at Penkridge Market.

More than 100 stallholders will be on site, selling a range of goods from plants and pickles, handbags and hardware, coffee and cakes.

A car boot sale is also expected to pull in the crowds. Car boot sellers can turn up on the day from 6am.

The event on Easter Monday runs from 9am to 3pm, with a bouncy castle available. Call 01785 714221 or visit www.penkridgemarket.co.uk

Walking from Ellastone

CHASE Ramblers' walk this Sunday is a nine-mile 'moderate to strenuous' walk from Ellastone near Uttoxeter. The meeting point is Hednesford railway station car park, in Anglesey Street, for a 9am prompt departure. For details contact Barry on 01543 684254. New walkers are welcome.

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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

10p for a carrier bag – that's not a bargain

OKAY, since October 2015 larger retailers have been obliged to charge 5p for carrier bags. One of David Cameron's madder "green" ideas I would suggest. But still, you can't blame the shops for it, can you?

But in that case, why is one major retailer charging customers 10p for each bag, double that dictated by government? Home Bargains, I would love an explanation.

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OF course, charging for carrier bags is not an entirely new concept. You will probably remember that back in the 80s, Kwik Save used to charge for the bags, but there was never any pretence that it was about environmentalism. The argument was that by keeping costs down, Kwik Save could offer lower prices, and give customers a choice about whether they needed bags.

More importantly, Kwik Save also offered customers a selection of used cardboard boxes, free of charge. That's what I call a green policy. And when you moved house, you could always go into Kwik Save for a tube of peppermints, and walk out with a giant box to put your belongings in. Why don't today's supermarkets do the same? The other week I saw a member of staff in one of the big four who was stamping on these perfectly usable box to throw them away. Which doesn't seem very green at all.

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OF course, infuriating though it is, the carrier bag nonsense pales into insignificance compared to the lunacy of government attempts to tell us what cars to drive. Back at the turn of the century, Gordon Brown was telling us to all buy diesels, offering tax incentives to make the switch. Still kept the limo for himself, just like they all do, but diesel was definitely the way forward.

Then, in 2009, it was decided that this was not enough, and the scrappage scheme was introduced. I hate scrappage, for two reasons. Firstly, because of the stupid ungrammatical name. Since when has scrappage been a word? In the hate stakes, it's right up there with signage, stakeholder and train station.

But secondly, I hate the destructive side of it, the way more than 500 old Jaguars and 100 old Porsches were needlessly destroyed just because the politicians thought we should drive diesel hatchbacks. I even feel a tinge of sadness at the lost Austin Maestros and Lada Rivas. Surely if they had survived this long, they warranted a little more respect.

Anyway, almost a decade later, scrappage is back on the agenda. Diesel is now public enemy number one, and the Government is reportedly considering using taxpayers' money to persuade people to scrap the dirty cars that a few years ago politicians were telling us to buy. Perhaps it might be an idea to scrap a few of the meddling politicians instead?

Muggers just making money without doing any work

Mary Berry feast but would hubby Paul prefer a bucket of KFC?

Doctor Who companion Pearl Mackie ticks so many politically-correct boxes

Voters must decide if they want to keep this serial defector Douglas Carswell

Desperate? No way, just plain wicked

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

BEING mugged is traumatic and our hearts go out to Jeremy Corbyn's 23-year-old son Tommy whose mobile phone was snatched by a thief on a moped. But I doubt if many share Tommy's view that "I'm sure the guy who did it was more desperate than bad." Behold, the enduring woolly-left belief that all crime is the result of society's inequalities or government policy and all criminals are to be pitied. The truth is that some people are plain wicked.

BY coincidence, as Tommy Corbyn was empathising with his mugger, two other motorbike-riding phone thieves were being jailed in London. They had snatched 18 mobiles in a single day. Using the Corbyn analysis, they were presumably 18 times more desperate than Tommy's attacker and 18 times more to be pitied. Or maybe they were just a pair of thugs out to make money without doing any work.

DOCTOR Who's new companion Pearl Mackie will be a mixed-race lesbian who calls herself Bill. Rarely in the history of drama has one character ticked so many politically-correct boxes. Curiously, we are also told to expect a return of some of the Doctor's scariest enemies, the Cybermen. Surely in these enlightened times that should be Cyberpersons. Or Cyberfolk? Or plain Cybers?

I WROTE recently about "the British Isles." A reader says this term is no longer politically correct. My apologies. I was referring, of course, to the British/Irish Atlantic archipelago. That really trips off the tongue, doesn't it?

CELEBRATING her golden wedding, Mary Berry prepared a perfect banquet of perfect plump king prawns, perfectly pink lamb and a perfect cream cake glazed with mirror-perfect chocolate icing. It was all so relentlessly perfect. I found myself hoping to see her hubby Paul hiding in his shed with a bucket of KFC.

AS the food industry comes under yet more pressure to reduce sugar levels, I am reminded of that childhood treat of yore, the well-buttered banana-and-sugar sandwich. It was even better without the banana, wasn't it?

A TEAM of British scientists has created a sieve capable of turning sea water into fresh drinking water. Based on the wonder material graphene, the sieve will undergo trials to see how effective it is. Already, there is talk of an end to worldwide droughts, prosperity for the developing world and deserts turned into lush, blooming breadbaskets, consigning famine to history. However, some of us of a certain age will be thinking: Tomorrow's World. Remember it? It was the BBC science series, launched in 1965, which introduced viewers to a succession of breakthroughs and inventions which were allegedly going to transform the planet. Maybe some did but the abiding memory is of Tomorrow's World being a sort of Sargasso Sea from which bright ideas never reappeared. Moral: some concepts simply never make it from theory to practice. Today, a dazzling British invention is poised to transform our planet. Again.

BLAME human nature. If you offer people £300 a day to do nothing, they will take it. I doubt if anyone is surprised at the latest report showing some members of the House of Lords are filling their pockets simply by turning up for a few minutes. The Lords is too big, too lazy and far too undemocratic but it is also the ultimate old codgers' luxury club for MPs on the way out. They all have a vested interest, not only in keeping the Lords but expanding it, as we pay the bills. Ironic, isn't it, that in the bad old days when the undemocratic House of Lords was full of hereditary, unelected peers, it commanded far more respect than it does today?

IN some academic circles, the use of terms such as "man up" and "forefathers" is seen as sexist and threatening, and students can be penalised for using them in essays which count toward their degrees. A document from Hull University revealed at the weekend warns students: "Failure to use gender-sensitive language will impact your mark." You know, the more I look at "penalised," the more I worry.

MY recent item on Gibraltar takes me back to a strange assignment, videoing the lads of the Fusiliers as we all abseiled down the Rock. In those days video cameras were enormous and heavy, and filming required both hands. This meant I had to step backwards off the Rock with no rope to hold on to, and trust in the blokes above. They let me down without letting me down. I bet that doesn't easily translate into Spanish.

THE voters of Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, must be wondering whether their Popeye-lookalike MP Douglas Carswell will ever make up his mind. Carswell defected from the Tories to UKIP, resigned from Parliament and successfully fought a by-election under his new banner. Now, he has quit UKIP to become an Independent. The serial defector claims that because he has not joined another political party it's not necessary for him to fight a by-election. Well, he is wrong. Clacton voted for a UKIP MP not an Independent, and the voters there should be given the opportunity to say if they want to retain this flibbertigibbet MP or dump him.

TALKING POINT

Rubbish dumpers should be binned off

"IF you have been affected by any of the issues in this programme . . ." said the ITV continuity announcer at the end of a particular soap.

I have, I thought, so I wrote to the makers of Emmerdale. Sorry, the National Television Award-winning Emmerdale, as the announcer likes to make clear.

But it wasn't to congratulate them on said award. Nor was it regarding one of their so-called hard-hitting storylines.

My letter was about a much bigger problem sweeping the country. Litter.

You see, one of the characters, a young girl, was sitting at a bench outside the Woolpack. She got up to go school and left an empty crisp packet behind her.

Surely, the young actress was not brought up to just leave her litter behind, I questioned. Impressionable young children could be watching the show and think it's okay to not take rubbish with them, I protested.

But my correspondence was, appropriately, just swept under the carpet. "Thank you for your interest" and "your comments have been noted" were all they could muster up.

But for me this is a serious issue. I am forever seeing drink cans, food waste and wrappers, empty crisp packets, you name it, strewn into a hedge or just left by the roadside, and, often within sight of a bin. Whatever the reason, there is no excuse, just laziness, disrespect and disregard for this green and pleasant land in which we live.

And, while you may think teenagers are the biggest culprits, a Keep Britain Tidy campaign revealed the worst litter louts were 35-to-54-year-old men, exactly the age group I fall into. So, I can only apologise for my fellow brethren.

Thankfully, there are people who care as much as I do. Keep Britain Tidy's Big Spring Clean campaign has seen volunteers take to the streets and in my hometown of Cannock alone more than 20 bags of rubbish were collected within a short area.

Even those bastions of quality journalism, Good Morning Britain carried out their own survey, purposely dropping litter to gauge public reaction, with many being horrified by the brazenness of such an act.

But what can be the long-term solution? Spending taxpayers' money on more bins that probably won't get used? On-the-spot fines? There has even been talk of bringing back a scheme that was around when I was a child, to get money back on bottles.

Admirable. But pointless when most law-abiding, reasonable people correctly use their recycle bins.

One thing is for sure, there are enough people that care about the environment to make a difference, though it shouldn't be left to others to clean up after people. Now, don't get me started on flytipping . . .

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Chase team turn to RAF Hednesford

Aerial survey work is being carried out at the site of RAF Hednesford, seen here in 1946 *Picture: Historic England*

IT was the vast base where thousands of recruits were trained during and after the Second World War – and now RAF Hednesford is the latest part of the project to unearth 2,000 years' worth of history at Cannock Chase.

Researchers on the Chase Through Time project are using images such as this one, taken in 1946 and owned by Historic England, to map out the area.

A spokesman for the project said: "The Chase Through Time aerial survey work has been under way since the beginning of the year.

"We are currently looking at RAF Hednesford, and the first stage of our mapping is using the 1946 aerial photographs that show the camp in its role as a training school.

"The camp was built in 1938 and for over ten years served as a school of Technical Training for flight mechanics, riggers and fitters.

"If anyone can help us by providing accurate dates for the camp or any other information concerning its use, please do contact us."

The majority of buildings in this aerial shot were huts for accommodation.

They were arranged around smaller buildings called ablution blocks that housed toilets and washing facilities – with one ablution block for every four huts. Between clusters of huts would be bathhouses.

Some of the huts in the north-west of the camp appeared to be connected to their ablution blocks via enclosed walkways suggesting those people there were entitled to more special treatment. The educational and technical huts, close to the centre of the camp, were the only others to feature such walkways.

Next to them sits large hangar-like training sheds with camouflaged roofs where the men were trained.

RAF Hednesford was opened as No 6 School for Technical Training Royal Air Force and Fleet Arm mechanics.

In 1950 it reopened as No 11 School of Recruit Training.

It finished serving the RAF in 1955 and a year later was used as a refugee camp for Hungarians fleeing the Hungarian Uprising of 1956. The camp was demolished in 1970.

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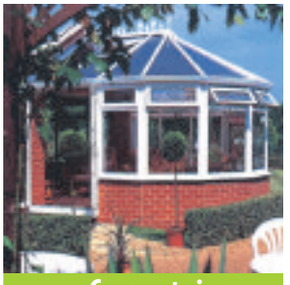
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No change in attitude

DAVE Causer says we have got nothing like we voted for (Letters, March 30). No change there then.

When Ted Heath took us into the EU he said it was a marketing system, nothing else would change.

The EU now tells us if we are to leave we have to contribute billions of additional funds to bail out the likes of Eire, Italy, Greece, Romania and Bulgaria.

In my view the PM should just pull the plug.

Remoaners mistakenly assume there has been a reverse in attitudes towards the EU gravy train. There has not.

M FAWDREY
Hednesford

Thank you

DR J Chandra and staff of Hednesford Valley Health Centre would like to express their thanks for the work of the Patient Participation Group who have helped to raise £92 which will be given to Katharine House Hospice.

LYNDA PAPE-WINFINDALE
Hednesford

Comment on A&E is an understatement

AT last the Government have done it. I don't mean the paltry £2 billion that they have promised to put into A&E and social care over the next two years.

No, what I refer to is that Philip Hammond (Chancellor of the Exchequer) actually admitted in the 'House', as part of his Budget speech, that A&E and social care are under pressure, which, may I suggest, is a bit of an understatement.

Meanwhile, I bet that one caused Theresa May and Jeremy Hunt a few sleepless nights, given that they have been in total denial about this factor, for a very long time.

Now, we must keep the pressure on even more, until they come forward with a more realistic sum of money.

ALLAN KYTE
Great Wyrley

Beware the unseen enemy on our roads

I AM now 86 but my memory tells me I wrote about air pollution some years ago when King Coal reigned ("Pollution action plan at busy roundabout", March 16).

He was mucky and smelly, yes, but as I said then, we know why chest complaints were caused. Now we have an unseen enemy as we tread our potholed highways.

Here's what I wrote all those years ago:

With loft held crown I survey my heathland scene
Its background tall pines so evergreen
On misty morning you hear my call
A rutting roar I reign over all
A carpet of heather paves my way
Skylark and songbirds their music play
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Will this be just a dream in years to come if we don't tackle pollution?

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MR R FULLELOVE
Heath Hayes

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Cuts affect vulnerable

I HAVE heard Staffordshire County Council is charging £10 to renew my blue badge. It seems it's always the vulnerable disabled people targeted; testing electric blankets, handyman's services and pest control have all been cut. Some councils' bus passes cover rail travel and they have ring and ride. We've got Connect which only covers this area and doesn't go to Bloxwich or Walsall.

MRS S BURTON
Shareshill

Take action on pollution

THE proposed introduction of the ultra-low emission zone in London is good news but this problem is one we're facing in the West Midlands too.

We also need action. We're calling for an ambitious low-emission zone to make the West Midlands a better place to live, visit and work.

STEVE CHAMBERS
Living Streets

Notification is a waste

WITH money being tight, and local councils looking to save money, why are people who have a postal vote sent notification through the post that they will be receiving their postal vote in a few weeks?

Why not just send the postal vote?

This must be a waste of tax payers' money.

RESIDENT
Rugeley

Fly-tip figures show claims were wrong

IT is now official from the Government that the Tory tip tax is illegal but still the county council refuse to suspend it. The tip tax was imposed last November. Here are the figures for fly-tipping in Cannock Chase for the comparable periods over the last two years:

November 2015 to March 2016 :162 (pre-tip tax).
November 2016 to March 2017: 215 (post-tip tax).

The figures speak for themselves. There is a large increase in the level of fly-tipping in our district since the tip tax was imposed. Who picks up the bill for this? That will be us, the council tax payers of Cannock Chase.

I warned the Tories that this would happen but they refused to listen and said that Staffordshire people are too honest to fly-tip. Clearly they were wrong.

GEORGE ADAMSON
County councillor for Hednesford and Rawnsley

Runners were rewarded with repairs to potholes

REGARDING the £270,000 of money wasted by Staffordshire County Council in payments to motorists for damage to vehicles by potholes (Chronicle, March 30).

Over many months, there have appeared a large number of potholes in the roads around Stafford town and its environs. Recently over a period of a week many of these potholes were suddenly repaired, which is most gratifying for motorists. However, could it be more than a coincidence that all of the repaired potholes were in roads traversed by the Stafford Half Marathon, and potholes on other roads of similar age still go unrepaired!

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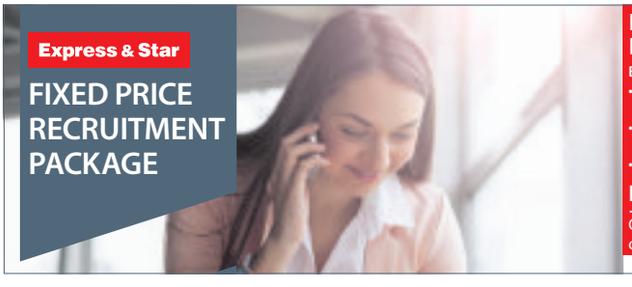

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Expert talk by holistic therapist

Ridwares WI

THE February meeting welcomed local resident Sue Burford, a holistic therapist.

Sue, whose business is based in Backcester Lane in Lichfield, explained how her therapies can help with aches and pains, digestive performance, headaches and stress. She also runs courses in baby massage and functional reflex therapy for children with special needs.

Gentle touch reflexology can help babies and young children with sleep problems and colic. Sue went on to explain how essential oils can play a part in holistic healing.

Sue then turned to the subject of reflexology which originated in China and Egypt, coming to Britain 150 years ago.

Sue also goes into schools to teach story massage. She teaches the children 10 lovely massage movements to stories or nursery rhymes.

The ladies were then instructed how to do the story massage on each other's backs which everyone enjoyed.

St David's Day was celebrated in March, with more than 90 teas of cheese scones, bara brith, and Welsh cakes served. There was a huge raffle and cakes, jams and crafts on sale.

The next meeting of The Ridwares WI will be on Tuesday, April 18. The speaker will be Kathleen Turner talking about music boxes.

New members are always welcome. Just come along or telephone 01543 492136 for details.

Joy as two cash in on joke competition

President Helen Hallchurch and SFWI's Helen Newman

Cannock WI

CANNOCK WI played host to the Heathside Group Meeting which included the presidents and members of Hayes Green, Norton Canes and Shareshill clubs at St Luke's church hall.

Helen Newman, the new president of Staffordshire Federation of Women's Institutes shared her experience of the SFWI Spring Council Meeting from the previous day, where the speakers had been artist and cartoonist Geoff Tristram and Jane Sawyers Chief Constable of Staffordshire Police.

The speaker was Pat Hall on Isn't Life Funny? Pat had themed her humorous sketches on four women reading letters to a member of their family during the First World War, and who each had a connection with the WI.

Jokes had been submitted for a competition among members and Helen and Jill were delighted with their wins of £15 and £10 respectively.

Raffle prizes were donated by the guest clubs, and won by Sheila, Diane, and Anne. Mary and Sandy gave the vote of thanks and Janet presented flowers to Helen Newman.

Club set to stage open evening

IN March members enjoyed a demonstration by Beverley Short entitled My Bargain Hunt. Beverley produced some wonderful designs and the flowers used were colourful and beautiful. Everyone really appreciated her work.

It was preceded in February by a practical evening about leaf manipulation and amazing results were achieved. The next meeting on April 19 is a practical, on celebration designs. An open evening takes place at Norton Canes High School Burntwood Road on April 26 at 7.30pm. This is open to everyone and Lee Berrill will demonstrate 'Nature's Song'. Tickets are £6, available from 01543 279133, or on the door.

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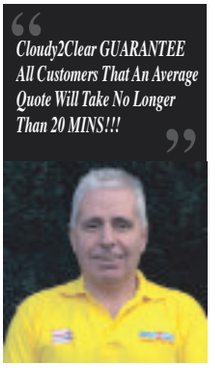

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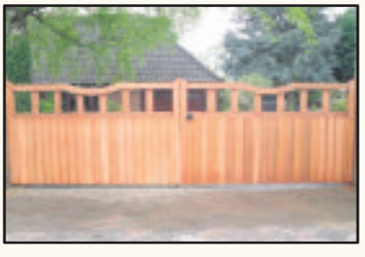

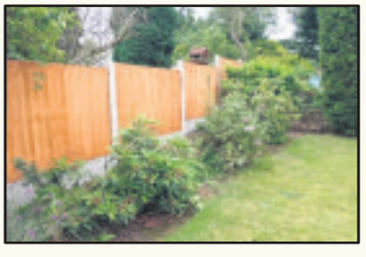

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Countdown to launch of The Range

STAFF at The Range are counting down to the launch of its Cannock branch at 9am tomorrow (Friday).

The outlet at Walsall Road, on the site of the old NCF Furniture, will provide 80 jobs.

It is one of three new stores opening on Good Friday, the others being in Cowes on the Isle of Wight, and Penzance.

The Range sells products including DIY, arts and crafts, homeware and furniture. The new store in Cannock will also include a café.

Age UK is selected as charity partner

AGE UK South Staffordshire has been selected as Cannock Shopping Centre's charity partner for 2017.

With a target of £5,000 funding, the charity is looking to support its volunteer-led Information and Advice Service, which helps around 1,200 people every year and covers all of South Staffordshire, including Cannock.

The phone line is open to residents over the age of 50 to assist with a range of issues and challenges.

Naomi Pay, chief executive at Age UK South Staffordshire, said: "We look forward to building positive links with the shoppers and businesses who use the centre and promote the work we do."

At the start of the year, Cannock Shopping Centre invited applications from local and national charities to partner with the centre, in order to raise their profile and some much-needed funds. A panel, made up of centre management employees, shortlisted the entries to three.

The panel then assessed the three charities in detail.

Lydia Ellis, marketing manager at GVA, which manages Cannock Shopping Centre, said: "We were so impressed with Age UK South Staffordshire's application; they had really thought about how they could fit in with the centre and raise money in the most effective way.

"They showed a real understanding of Cannock and have a number of key projects which will all benefit from the fundraising at the centre."

Centre manager Susan McCarthy and Robert Bruce, Age UK

Open House events to help find new home

CONNELLS estate agency in Cannock is gearing up for a busy Easter as the branch plans a number of local Open House events over the bank holiday weekend.

The team will be making the most of the long weekend with viewings taking place from Good Friday to Easter Monday and look forward to helping house hunters in their search for a new home in the area.

Samantha Willington, lettings manager at Connells in Cannock, said: "We find that the Easter period is one of the busiest times for our industry as buyers use their spare time off work to search for a new home.

"As a proactive estate agency, we like to take advantage of this heightened activity and, whilst some other businesses may close for the Easter weekend, we're keeping our doors open with business as usual.

"Open House viewings are becoming more and more popular with vendors as they ensure maximum exposure, and ultimately achieve the best price, by inviting all interested buyers to look around the house during a set timeframe.

"We look forward to seeing as many customers as possible."

Open House viewings will be running from Good Friday through to Easter Monday from 5pm to 6pm.

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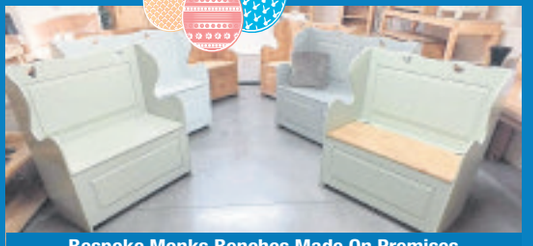
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Mother spells out her plea on potato letters

A BRERETON mother has launched a campaign to get potato 'letters' back on a supermarket's shelves after the effect they had on her autistic daughter.

Nicola Passey, aged 31, has set up a petition with her husband Daniel Passey, 28, to get Tesco to stock the frozen potato alphabet crispy potato letters.

The Passeys' daughter Ruby, five, suffers from a severe form of autism which means she has a very strict regime, especially around meal times.

She routinely eats the Tesco potato letters as part of her evening meal but has been left devastated after no longer being able to have them after Tesco stopped selling them.

Mrs Passey says she has tried numerous different brands with Ruby but she can immediately tell the difference due to her heightened senses.

Unavailable

She is now pleading with Tesco to either reinstate the product or help put her in touch with the manufacturer.

She said: "Ruby has been told by professionals that she needs to stick with the same foods. I went to go online shopping one day for Tesco and it said the frozen letters were unavailable. I went to a store and they did not have any in stock either.

"I spoke to Tesco and they said they have stopped stocking the frozen alphabet letters but will not say why."

A Tesco spokeswoman said: "We constantly review the products that we sell, and always try to have the right range and products available for our customers. Unfortunately this particular product is no longer available at Tesco but we will speak to the customer to find if there are other ways we can help."

The petition can be viewed and signed at www.change.org/p/tesco-tesco-to-restock-potato-alphabets

Ruby and her mother Nicola with her favourite potato letters

New talks on garden waste

LABOUR councillors have welcomed the chance to reinforce their opposition to charges for green waste removal in the Lichfield district.

They have dubbed the proposal the 'bin tax' as they believe the shift in cost from council tax to the individual is a form of stealth tax.

The decision has now been 'called in' for further review by five Conservative members of the leisure, parks and waste scrutiny committee at Lichfield District Council. Labour says the Tory councillors 'have only realised very late in the day that the bin tax is causing real anger among residents with the £36 charge coming on top of the maximum council tax increase'.

Until now, the collection has been offered for free by Lichfield District Council. The proposed charge average out at £1.40 per collection.

The 'call in' is due to be discussed at a meeting on Tuesday.

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Help shape future of beauty spot

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help shape the future of an iconic beauty spot.

The Friends of Chasewater will be working on projects and ideas for the park, which is run by Staffordshire County Council. The group will be helped where necessary by members of the park's team.

Helen Riley, deputy chief executive and the council's director for families and communities, said: "The Friends of Chasewater is an exciting opportunity for members of the towns surrounding the park to come together and work on ideas and projects that benefit the community.

"It's a really great opportunity for people with an interest in Chasewater to get directly involved with the park, so I'd urge anyone interested to join up."

Chasewater boasts a 90-hectare reservoir and plenty of green open space.

For the more adventurous visitors, the country park offers watersport activities including sailing, wakeboarding, water skiing, water zorbing and paddleboarding. People also flock to the site to take advantage of the nature trails, bird watching, walking, cycling and picnics.

The Chasewater Innovation Centre provides visitor information, art and craft exhibitions by artists and a programme of summer holiday activities and recreational workshops for children and adults. Facilities there include meeting and conference facilities, a gift shop and a café.

Colliery

The reservoir was first created in the 18th century as a canal feeder and to transport colliery produce and remains the largest canal feeder reservoir in use today. Thanks to funding from Natural England, Staffordshire County Council encourages the management and restoration of heathland and other habitats, including grazing some areas with cattle.

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Students gain insight into the wider world

A GROUP of students at Wolgarston High School in Penkridge went to South Africa to help communities in which their orphans were in desperate need of support.

The six pupils – Sam Arthrell, Sophie Cook, Alex Farmer, Libby Newman, Daisy Scarlett and Maisy Toon – got involved in the project as part of the Link for Life scheme.

"The visit was a great success and the students were fantastic ambassadors for Wolgarston," learning resources centre administrator Sarah Roberts said..

While in South Africa, the students visited three communities that are being supported by the charity Hands at Work, which provides a daily meal for some of the most vulnerable and often orphaned children in the community, along with assistance in enrolling for and attending school and health care.

The students spent time with these children, helping to prepare their meals, meeting with and talking to their care givers, and assisting the charity in all aspects of its work.

Wolgarston pupils visited three communities that are supported by Hands at Work

Different

"Each day provided emotional challenges that would be difficult for adults to deal with, let alone teenagers, but our students met these challenges face on and showed a great deal of resilience, compassion and understanding for the people they encountered," Miss Roberts added.

One of the students who is a keen footballer was particularly affected by his meeting with a boy who was about to play for his school. The strip he was wearing was ripped and didn't fit, and the flip flops were inadequate for playing football safely and successfully.

"It is easy to feel guilty about all of the things we have and to feel sorry for that boy, but his huge grin told another story, and our students left South Africa with a greater understanding of the wider world and of different cultures that will stay with them for the rest of their lives," Miss Roberts said.

In order to take part, Wolgarston got together with the churches within its catchment are that already have strong ties with the school and the charity Link for Life. Each student had to raise £2,000 so there were a number of bake sales, sponsored events, quiz nights, market stalls and fundraising meals that they undertook.

Students spent time helping to prepare meals for the children

Each day provided emotional challenges for the Wolgarston students

The school also supported them with a non-uniform day and other activities, and St Michael's Church, Penkridge, donated half the proceeds of their Christmas Tree Festival.

Coven, Wheaton Aston and Brewood churches also played a big part in supporting the students.

"We now have a link for life with the communities we visited in South Africa, so we will hopefully be returning every year, and our big challenge is to provide ongoing support for 25 children in a community called Siyathuthuka, to ensure they have the food, education and healthcare to give them a chance to make a good start in life," Miss Roberts added.

For more information, or to help support the children of Siyathuthuka, or to support the students on future visits, email m-leonard@wolgarston.staffs.sch.uk or contact via twitter @WolgarstonSA

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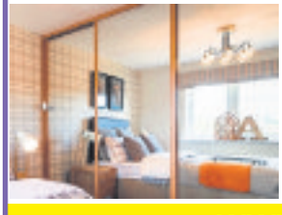

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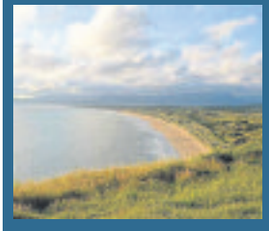

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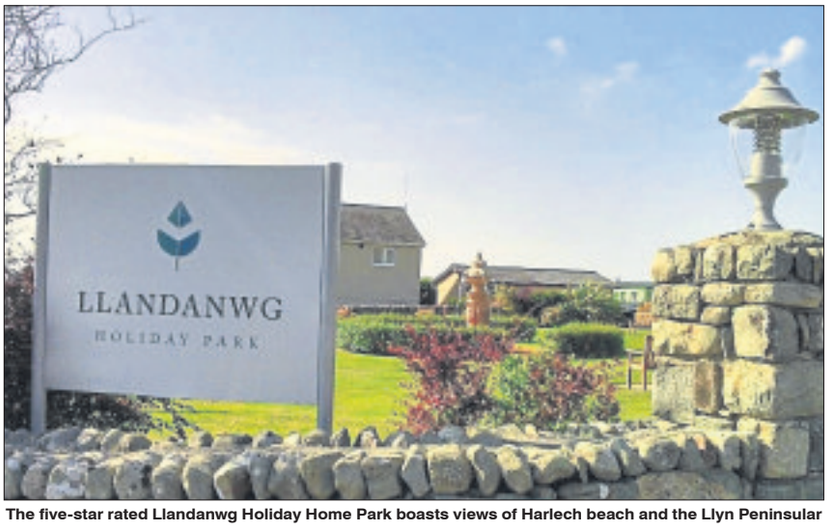

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Daniel to dazzle concert audience

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BURNTWOOD Music For All Group are presenting Daniel Watt in concert today (Thursday).

The event at the Burntwood Memorial Institute Hall, in Rugeley Road, starts at 7.30pm.

A resident of Northampton, Daniel's talents have taken him literally to all corners of the globe, with an amazing 22 trips to the United States to play concerts all across the country from San Francisco and Los Angeles across to Washington and Pennsylvania.

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Challenges to parking fines 'down to pot luck'

ONLY one in 10 appeals against parking fines in Staffordshire is successful, figures show.

And the likelihood of getting off a fine depends on which area of the country drivers get a ticket, with some councils accepting nearly every appeal. The best place, statistically, for an appeal is Basingstoke and Deane, Hampshire, which approved 95 per cent.

On average, just over a third of initial driver challenges to on-street parking fines made to councils in England between January and October 2016 were successful, according to figures obtained through Freedom of Information requests.

But there was huge variation between areas – Shropshire Council accepted almost 30 per cent of appeals, and Birmingham City Council just over 31 per cent.

Guy Anker, managing editor at MoneySavingExpert.com, said: "If the councils accepting the fewest challenges are wrongly rejecting claims, it's an absolute disgrace."

Coming out top as the most unlikely place to accept an appeal was Runnymede, famous for being where King John sealed Magna

By Simon Stone

Carta, which received 1,011 challenges to parking fines in the requested period, with 93 being accepted.

Staffordshire County Council came next, accepting challenges at a rate of 10.4 per cent. By contrast, Basingstoke and Deane accepted 540 challenges out of 566. Next highest were Waveney, South Tyneside and Swale councils, who all accepted around seven in 10.

Mr Anker said: "We hear so many stories from motorists who are victims of overzealous parking wardens. Often the real problem is really poor, terrible signing."

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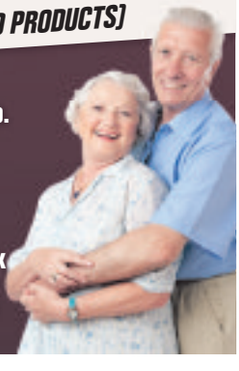

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2015 saw Aldridge Fireplaces finish 3rd after its category was extended to home improvements, but it was still top fireplace showroom in the UK (on the best of sites). It now has well over 100 testimonials on the bestofwalsall website which can be viewed at www.bestofwalsall.co.uk. The experienced sales staff are also able to offer packages to suit all ages and styles of home, offer quality products at affordable prices, as well as manufacture bespoke fireplaces to the correct size if required.

In addition to this there is currently FREE FITTING on offer when you purchase any fire with a suite. "But there's also some more good news from this Good Friday, Saturday and Bank Holiday Monday, we are carrying out one of our biggest offers to date," Dan states. "We feel Easter is a great opportunity for families to get out and with this in mind we wanted to offer our best offer yet. This weekend only if you purchase any of our fireplace suites you'll receive 50 per cent off any of our gas or electric fires, this could possibly save you around £300 on average," Matt adds.

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Caroline Quentin and Mark Addy as Lady Sarah and Sir John Hotham *Picture: Pete Le May/RSC*

Cavalier comedy capers

The Hypocrite
Swan Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon

HORRIBLE Histories meets Blackadder in Richard Bean's riotous farce, The Hypocrite, which is bringing belly laughs to a venue more accustomed to high drama.

If all history was as entertaining (and as saucy) as this play, set in 17th century Yorkshire at the start of the English Civil War, we would be a nation of expert historians. This co-production by the Royal Shakespeare Company and Hull Truck Theatre is to mark the Humberside city (don't dare call it a town) being UK City of Culture 2017, and has already been staged at the East Riding port.

Hence lots of local references to Yorkshire locations, rugby, etc, that may be lost on a Midlands audience. It doesn't matter because the gags come thick and fast from the pen of Hull-born Bean, the writer of West End hit comedy One Man Two Guvnors.

He brings to life the true story of Yorkshire MP Sir John Hotham, who tried to please both sides – King and Parliament – in the war and make himself a fortune at the same time. It was, as Bean saw from the research, a farce. Hotham's plan did not succeed and he ended up losing his head.

That is the starting point for the play as the disembodied cranium of Hotham explains how a combination of greed, cowardice and stupidity led to his demise.

The increasingly perplexed and desperate Hotham is portrayed with great comic energy by Mark Addy, constantly at odds with his haughty wife, played with droll wit by Caroline Quentin, who knows a thing or two about men behaving badly. The insults they hurl at each other are highly inventive and not repeatable here.

Slapstick

Into the mix throw a lovesick daughter, a camp pair of royal spies, grumpy Puritans – and Drudge, an ancient family retainer dealt a series of slapstick indignities (acrobatic Danielle Bird, in old man disguise).

The real injustices that fuelled the bloody civil war are raised by the strident folk song interludes from the impressive 'Ranter', played by Josh Sneesby, and Laura Elsworthy as level-headed Yorkshire lass, Connie the servant.

The Hypocrite is a treat, try to catch it before it ends its RSC run on April 29.

Mouth of the South has lots to chew over

Rob Beckett
Town Hall, Birmingham

THE toothy blond South London comic has a knack for spotting the absurdities lurking in modern life.

He even offers advice on fighting back against the nuisance 'have you had an accident at work' phone calls by wasting their time – 'yeah, I have, my 'ed fell off' – or how to ensure you never ever forget your password: It's idontknowmate, feel free to add 123, capitalise the I and underscore wherever you please.

On Saturday he shared with a full Town Hall his take on marriage, fatherhood, technology and, to the biggest laughs, Kit Kats, tumbledriers and the worst place in England. It's Corby.

Charm

He gets the teeth gags out of the way early on – if he lived in Africa he would have been poached by now – and refreshingly uses fewer expletives than most comics.

I am not saying that you could take you grandmother in total comfort, but I am sure she would have a good time.

Beckett has an easy charm and is quick-witted, as shown in his banter with the front row.

This included the schools pals Sophie and Fiona, who go together under the blended nickname Sofiona – "Fiona got her whole name in, she mugged you off Sophe".

The motormouth from the South may not be able to pronounce Birmingham properly, but he's welcome back anytime.

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Group gets update on fighting cyber crime

PCC Matthew Ellis with members of Rugeley and Chasetown Regnall Men's Group

MORE than 20 members of Rugeley and Chasetown Regnall Men's Group were updated on cyber crime and policing in Staffordshire during a visit by Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis.

Mr Ellis talked with members during their meeting about how the nature of crime is changing and becoming more complex, including the increase of cyber crime and the threats people now face online including the various types of email scams that people often receive.

He also spoke about the use of body-cams, which were provided to all front-line police officers, PCSOs and Special Constables in Staffordshire over two years ago, and explained how they have led to a reduction in the number of spurious complaints made against officers.

Different

Mr Ellis said: 'I would like to thank Regnall Men's Group for inviting me to be their guest speaker, they gave a warm welcome and asked some thought provoking questions.

'It was fantastic to talk to them about the work currently taking place in Staffordshire around cyber safety and the different forms cyber-crime can take.

"It was good to be able to give them examples of different types of cyber crime including email scams such as HMRC suggesting you are owed a tax refund.

Dave Henshaw, chairman of the Regnall Men's Group, said: "Matthew Ellis, while addressing the Rugeley and Chasetown Regnall Circle, gave us a very interesting warts and all talk covering many aspects of the state of policing in Staffordshire. His talk was very well received by our members."

Plea to drivers after near-death accident

A MAN who almost died after being struck by a car is urging drivers to take extra care around roadworks and observe speed limits.

Lee Bramwell, from Penkridge, was walking along the pavement after routinely assessing repairs to a pothole on the A50 near Stoke-on-Trent when he was struck by a car last April.

The 65-year-old broke his neck and his leg in three different places. He says it is a miracle he was not killed.

Nearly a year on, he has just had a neck brace removed and is only now able to drive again.

The case was highlighted by Highways England after it was revealed 12 road workers, including two traffic officers, have lost their lives on the network over the past 10 years. In three of the cases the victims were knocked down by members of the public.

Mr Bramwell said: "I want to highlight to people the dangers of our job.

"Something that should have been a routine task has had a serious impact on my life, and that's why it's so important that we educate motorists about the dangers of the work we do day in, day out."

Lee Bramwell was hit by a car

He was working for Highways England contractor Kier as an asset incident watchman and had been assessing repair work. As he returned to his van, parked at a petrol station, a car left the dual carriageway, mounted the pavement and ploughed into him from behind.

CCTV footage shows the car travelling behind an HGV which slows down as a car in front turns into the petrol station. At that point the vehicle behind the lorry mounts the pavement and hits Mr Bramwell. Mr Bramwell, who has been in the job for more than nine years, is a married father-of-two with four young grandchildren.

He was based at Kier's Doxey depot off the M6 in Stafford with colleague Matt Wyse before the incident.

Mr Wyse, from Hednesford, said: "I've always been aware of the dangers – working on the roads, our lives are in the hands of others – but you can never predict what may happen. I urge drivers to look out for road workers as they drive through roadworks."

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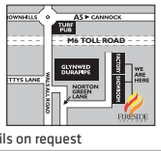

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Golden ticket to festival

LIBRARY users in Lichfield, Walsall and Wolverhampton can join the hunt for a golden ticket to the Birmingham Literature Festival. The festival is celebrating its 20th year and has revealed its full programme for its first ever spring edition, from April 21 to 23, to complement the annual October festival. To celebrate, 20 golden tickets have been hidden in bookshops, cafes and libraries across the Midlands. Each ticket offers the finder two free-entry passes to one of the festival's events, and one special ticket offers the winner a full festival pass.

No cuts in number of firefighters say bosses

FIREFIGHTERS will not be axed as part of multi-million pound cuts to Staffordshire Fire and Rescue service, bosses have vowed.

Compulsory redundancies involving other workers will also be avoided, they say. The organisation needs to save £2.8 million in the next three years but chiefs have confirmed that its response capability will not be reduced as a result of the cutbacks.

It comes after the service announced its Corporate Safety Plan for 2017-20.

Glynn Luznyj, director of prevent and protect, said: "The headline for me is that to date, savings have been made with no compulsory redundancies – and we don't envisage making compulsory redundancies – and we will not be reducing the number of firefighters responding to incidents, nor reducing appliances between now and 2020.

Glynn Luznyj – 'options'

Changes

"We have a robust efficiency plan in place. We needed to save £4m over four years, and now there is £2.8 million left to save by 2020.

"That is as much as we can say at this point due to the reduction in government revenue support grant. There are a number of things coming into play.

"We will be restructuring our staff models, and we are naturally negotiating with trade unions and the workforce. There will likely be redundancies but they will be voluntary.

"We have already gone through our community safety options and did make some changes to the existing fire cover. A lot savings will come from the ongoing collaboration with other agencies, in particular the police. For instance we currently share our transport depot in Stoke, which maintains our joint fleets of vehicles.

"That has yielded significant efficiencies."

The plan has been put together following consultation with focus groups, and Mr Luznyj said it was clear the public had raised their expectations of the fire service.

He added: "Over the years, there has been a change in the public perception of the fire service.

"Ten years ago, people would have said they want a fully trained and efficient fire crew if they had a fire, but it's obvious, from the work we've done, people expect far more now.

"They appreciate the value of us doing prevention work like the home visit programme."

Plan for homes on site of barn sent to council

PLANNING applications received by Lichfield District Council include:

Hamley Lodge, Moor Lane, Stockwell Heath, Rugeley – demolition of stables and erection of a four-bedroom detached dwelling and two three-bedroom semi-detached dwellings and associated works.

Bank Farm, Godwins Lane, Blithbury – demolish existing garage and part of steel framed shed and erection of detached garage block comprising three car ports, two garages, bin and lawnmower store.

Sunny Corner, 76 Upper Way, Upper Longdon – removal of condition No 7 of planning application 16/00421/FUL.

8C High Street, Chasetown – change of use of part of ground-floor office to a bedsit flat.

190 Rake End, Hill Ridware, Rugeley – retention of garden shed.

11 Church Lane, Armitage – single-storey side extension to form dining room, family room and double garage with study above.

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New lighting in park to boost youngster's safety

The lighting is put in place

PCSO Rob Evans next to the new lighting which has been installed

NEW lighting has been installed at Hednesford Park to improve safety for teenagers.

It has come about after the Friends of Hednesford Park secured £3,000 from the Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) which also paid for a teen shelter at the site.

The new system is light-sensitive and will automatically turn on when it gets dark and turn off at 10pm every evening.

Andy Williams, from the Friends group, said: "We are delighted that the lighting has been installed.

"There are lots of different small funding grants that have supported the Heritage Lottery Fund improvements to Hednesford Park, and they all show our community's commitment to a facility that is enjoyed by all sectors of our community.

"A lot of our young people make a significant positive contribution to our park in work experience every week."

Mike Edmonds, from Cannock Chase Council, said: "I am pleased that the lighting has now been installed in Hednesford Park.

"This is the next step in creating a safe and enjoyable place for the community of Hednesford and the wider district to enjoy and give security to the young people using the teen shelter and the skate park in the evenings." The money was secured in 2014 from PCC Matthew Ellis's People Power Fund. He said: "The best ideas to reduce crime, social harm and anti-social behaviour often come from communities affected by those issues.

"Tackling the issues, building community spirit and often reducing repeat demand on policing means providing that financial help at the most local level is really cost effective.

"I am pleased to hear that lighting at Hednesford Park has now been installed using money from the People Power Fund. The introduction of this lighting will create a safer space for the community to use and will help to make them feel much safer."

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Youngsters can try sailing

SAILING clubs in Staffordshire are pushing the boat out to allow youngsters to give the sport a go.

Five clubs, including Greensforge at Calf Heath, are staging the have-a-go sessions in conjunction with the Royal Yachting Association's Push The Boat out initiative from May 13 to 21.

Gareth Brookes, the RYA's regional development officer for the Midlands, said: "Through Push The Boat Out, you will be able to get out on the water with experienced sailors who you will find to be exactly like you in a boat suitable for you."

Manor Park, Rudyard Lake, North Staffs and Tamworth are the other sailing clubs giving families the chance to 'discover something completely different outdoors at free sailing and windsurfing events'.

Each event will provide all the necessary equipment. All that is needed are old trainers and a towel.

For full details, including dates and times, visit www.rya.org.uk/PTBO2017

Crackdown by uni snares 364 student cheats

MORE than 350 Staffordshire University students have been found guilty of academic misconduct in two years, with offences including cheating in exams and buying professional essays.

Out of 364 cases between 2014 and 2016 a total of 56 were of the most serious nature, which automatically means the culprit fails the particular module concerned. Staffordshire University, which has 12,000 students, said the numbers were in line with what other establishments were seeing, but they have since hired Dr Thomas Lancaster, an expert in plagiarism and contract cheating.

He is spearheading a wider campaign against unruly students. "The number of cases has gone down due to better support and education of students," Dr Lancaster said.

"All of the numbers are within reasonable boundaries. It is still a very small percentage of students doing this. There is a lot more awareness of plagiarism than there was a few years ago.

"Plagiarism is by far the most common form, exam cheating is another area that happens a lot."

Penalty

While there are clear consequences for culprits, there is no realistic deterrent to people professionally writing and selling essays to students. Academics and ministers are now lobbying to outlaw the practice.

The number of students at the university found guilty of academic conduct in 2014/15 was 231 – 90 minor cases, 99 major, and 42 gross. In 2015-16 the numbers fell to 133 in total – 55 minor, 64 major and 14 gross.

Depending on the offence the penalty ranges from marks capped to the pass rate or a complete failure of a module with no entitlement to re-assessment.

The university was unable to break down the nature of each incident.

Chorister Eilidh, 13, sings with star Aled

Eilidh Owen – 'a wonderful experience'

A YOUNG chorister from Lichfield Cathedral was one of 75 vocalists selected to record an album with Welsh singing star Aled Jones. The opportunity arose following 13-year-old Eilidh Owen's invitation to represent the cathedral at the Jubilate: 500 Years of Cathedral Music concert at London's St Paul's Cathedral in May last year.

The event saw 50 choristers from cathedral choirs across the UK join the young singers of St Paul's for a performance of famous choral tunes. Following Jubilate's success, the choristers were invited back to St Paul's to record four tracks for an album of choral performances with Classic FM presenter Aled, who himself reached widespread fame in the 1980s as a teenage chorister.

Eilidh said: "Aled talked to us all about his experiences as a chorister at Bangor Cathedral and I found him very nice and down to earth. I've never done anything on this scale before, so it was a wonderful experience and I have kept in touch with the people I met from other cathedrals."

Medium evening

AN evening of mediumship featuring Stephen Holbrook is to be held at Rugeley's Rose Theatre on May 19. Call 01384 442551 or go to www.butterfly2012.com/tickets for tickets. Email thebutterflyfellowship@gmail.com for details.

App to beat roadworks

A SMARTPHONE app has been launched to alert people to roadworks and delays in Staffordshire.

Roadzwork was developed locally to serve Staffordshire initially before being rolled out wider. It has been designed to help road users avoid roadworks and other incidents on their local, regular routes by informing them before they set out.

The app is available on the App Store for iOS – by searching for 'roadzwork' – and is being developed for both Android and Windows.

Health trust to lead study into migraine

UNIVERSITY Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) has been chosen as a lead research site to run a new migraine study.

UHNM will be conducting the national study, which will look at the effectiveness of a potential new treatment which aims to reduce the baseline number of migraine days a month in episodic migraine by 50 per cent.

The research and development department at the trust met all the required selection criteria reviewed by a team from pharmaceutical company Novartis, during a visit to the Royal Stoke site.

Dr Brendan Davies, consultant neurologist at the trust, was subsequently chosen for the role of chief investigator across the whole of the UK for the study.

He said: "I am delighted that the headache research team at UHNM has achieved further recognition for delivering high-quality clinical research."

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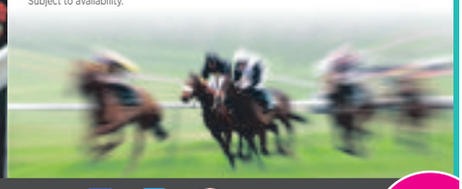

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Artists in the picture for library display

Heath Hayes Art Society are holding their annual exhibition throughout April at Cannock Library. With a membership of 25 artists, the group work in most media on various subjects, most of which are on display at the exhibition. Anyone wishing to purchase a work of art, or who would like to join the group, can contact chairperson Lynda Humphries on 01543 425601. Pictured from left are Mary Carpenter, Sharon Berry, Gillian Elliott, Lynda Humphries and Tony Guy

Bidding for HS2 stations

THE latest stage of HS2's procurement process has been launched.

Architects, designers and developers are being sought to deliver the four stations for phase one of the £55.7 billion high-speed rail project.

The winning bidders will work with HS2 to refine plans for three new stations – Birmingham Curzon Street, Birmingham Interchange and London's Old Oak Common – and the expansion of London Euston. A separate contest was also launched on Friday to find a partner to develop a project for new homes, offices and retail space above and around Euston station. These opportunities could attract bids from engineering firms involved in a row over a previous HS2 contract.

US-based CH2M withdrew from a £170 million deal to develop phase 2b of the network last week after concerns over conflicts of interest.

Losing bidder Mace threatened to sue HS2 amid concerns about its close links with CH2M.

Mark Thurston, HS2's new chief executive, is a former CH2M employee, as was his temporary predecessor Roy Hill. A total of 25 HS2 staff have previously worked for CH2M while 37 of the engineering company's employees are on secondment to HS2. Mace called for the phase 2b bidding competition to be rerun but HS2 believes this is unnecessary and has opened discussions with runner-up Bechtel.

Transport Secretary Chris Grayling and HS2 chairman Sir David Higgins will be questioned about the issue by the Commons' Transport Select Committee on Wednesday.

Transport Minister Andrew Jones said the search for design teams to produce station plans is 'a major step'.

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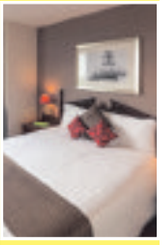

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Waxwings are flying high in birds survey

SIGHTINGS of waxwings and robins are on the up in residential gardens, the nation's largest garden wildlife survey revealed.

But the number of blue tits visiting the region is on the decline, according to the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch.

More than 90,000 people in the Midlands, and close to half a million people across the UK, took part in the 38th RSPB event.

In total, more than eight million birds were counted nationwide, with the rise in the number of waxwings in the West Midlands particularly noticeable as these birds flock to UK gardens in winter only once every seven to eight years when the berry crop fails in their native Scandinavia.

The waxwings were seen in around 15 times more Midland gardens in 2017 compared with previous years.

There was also good news for robins, with the average number seen visiting gardens at its highest level since 1986.

In the Midlands, robins were up from eighth to seventh place in the top 10 recorded birds from last year.

Waxwings arrived from Scandinavia

However, there was a decrease in the numbers of blue tits, great tits and coal tits.

Dr Daniel Hayhow, RSPB conservation scientists, said: "To have over half a million people taking part and counting a bumper eight million birds across one weekend is amazing. Using the information from the weekend, we'll be able to create a snapshot of how our garden birds are doing.

"In the lead-up to Birdwatch, there was some speculation as to whether we could see a 'waxwing winter' and the results prove that to be the case.

"With it only happening once every seven to eight years, it will have been a treat for the lucky people who managed to catch a glimpse of one."

The survey highlighted a downturn in the recorded sightings of blue tits, dropping 11 per cent, great tits, falling 10 per cent, and coal tits, down 14 per cent, on last year's figures.

In the Midlands, the blue tit fell from second to fifth place in the top 10.

Dr Hayhow added: "Numbers of small bodied birds such as blue tits and great tits are susceptible to changes in weather throughout the year, and scientists believe that the prolonged wet weather during the 2016 breeding season led to fewer younger birds surviving than usual, meaning there are fewer to be seen in gardens."

However, this year's results also pointed to the positive effects that wildlife friendly gardens are having on bird behaviours.

Council's purchase of unit helps firm to grow

Pictured during a tour of the facility are Councillor Brian Edwards, leader at South Staffordshire Council, Councillor Roy Wright, cabinet member for direct services, and Mike Wood, director at Telling Architectural

SOUTH Staffordshire Council's investment in buying and developing a 60,000 sq ft industrial unit within the Four Ashes Industrial Estate has resulted in a local company expanding its business and creating more jobs.

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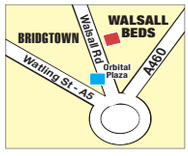

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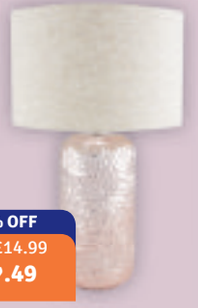

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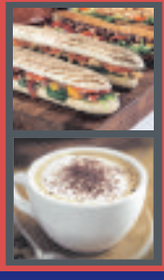

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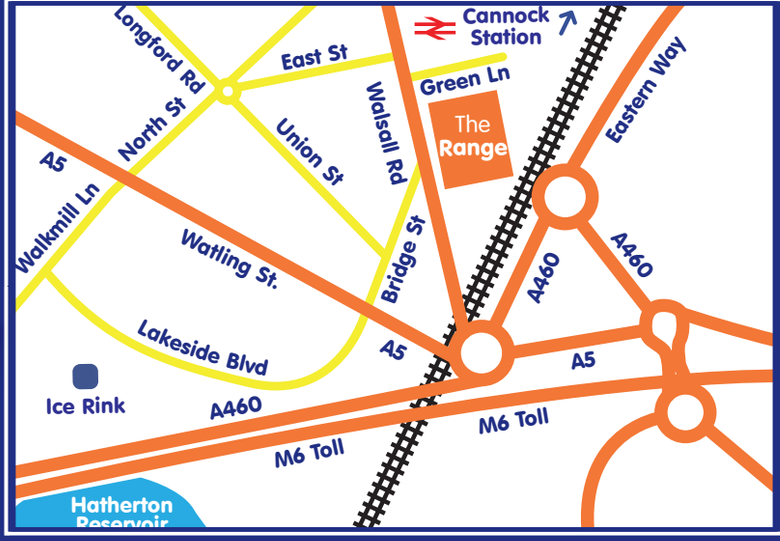

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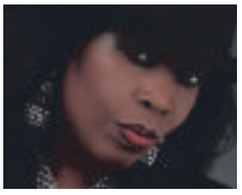

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'Some things I've seen at fires will never go away

A CANNOCK firefighter has spoken of the traumatic impact attending a fire death can have on the crew and how the images they see will never leave them.

Watch Manager Russ Brown, has been with the service for 15 years and has attended hundreds of house fires including several where someone has died.

He is one of a number of firefighters speaking out about their experiences in order to raise awareness of the service's new SAME campaign to reduce the number of people who die in fires in their homes.

The SAME campaign is based on 10 years of evidence which shows that one or more of the following factors greatly increase your risk of dying in a fire: being a smoker; drinking alcohol; having poor mobility; and/or being elderly.

Difficult

The campaign uses the acronym SAME to make it easy for people to remember the four factors: smoking, alcohol, mobility, elderly.

He said: "Some of the things I've seen at house fires will never go away.

"Those images are stuck in your memory forever. We debrief after the incident, and we go over what's happened, but afterwards we have to just pick up and get on because no sooner have you packed up the equipment, you could be on to the next incident.

"I think, since becoming a father, it has made it a bit harder. I attended one fatal fire where I picked up a set of keys belonging to the deceased, and there was a picture of two kids on there. That was really difficult. When I go home, I just go and hug my boys and feel so grateful I'm still here.

"There is a lot of responsibility to make sure you reassure the family.

"As much as I have a clear image in my mind as to where the person was found and what happened to them, you don't want to paint that picture of them and have that image be what their family and friends remember.

Watch Manager Russ Brown – 'those images are stuck in your memory forever'

"There is so much to think about when you have a fatal incident, especially when you still have to try and rescue others in the property.

"There are times when you know someone has passed, and you still need to search the room. You need to treat that person with the respect and dignity they deserve.

"The hardest ones are when you have built up a relationship with a person. You have worked hard to rescue them and have spent time assuring them and telling them to think of their family, only to lose them afterwards. That's what's really hard.

"This is why our prevent work is so important. I would much rather sit in someone's living room and have a conversation with two people about fire safety than have that conversation two weeks later with one person because the other is gone."

In the last 10 years research has shown that cigarettes/cigars and lighters have been the biggest cause of fires in which people have died, with 41 per cent of those who died being smokers.

Of those who died, 39 per cent were regular drinkers, and in a number of cases, alcohol was a contributing factor as to why the fire started – often with people being intoxicated and then falling asleep while smoking or cooking food.

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We'll put the 'pop' back in pop music

Want to feel old? It's been 20 years since Steps released their disco-tastic debut – and now they're back to celebrate. And despite the two decades in between, The Ticket discovers not much has really changed.

Step this way – Lisa, H, Lee, Claire and Faye have reformed

Hit 90s pop group Steps are playing a game. Lisa Scott-Lee and Claire Richards are trying to work out who the Chancellor of the Exchequer was when they formed, almost 20 years ago, in May 1997.

As they confer, a giggling Ian 'H' Watkins, sat behind the pair, slyly tickles their backs. Swatting him away, Claire correctly answers 'Gordon Brown' to the delight of her bandmates, who fall about laughing after H's antics are revealed.

It's just one sign of the affinity and energy retained by the group, who split so acrimoniously at the turn of the millennium, when Claire and H decided they wanted to form a duo.

Since then, of course, things have been patched up, and the band reformed in 2011 for a Sky Living series and a string of concerts. Now, more than five years on, with the exception of 39-year-old Claire, they have all celebrated their 40th birthdays, but that does little to deter their energy and positive affront.

Hauling suitcases and carrying Pret takeaway bags, they bundle into the studio where they're set to have a photo shoot. The five, completed by Lee Latchford-Evans and Faye Tozer, start swapping make-up and hairbrushes and finding plug sockets to charge their phones, giggling and breaking into song before finally taking their seats.

The Ticket catches up with them 24 hours later, after the release of Scared Of The Dark, the lead track from their first album proper in 17 years (they released a Christmas record of largely covers in 2012), and the fivesome have somehow grown even more excitable.

Taking over the corner of a restaurant in a London hotel, their manager, Adam, looking at his laptop, says, "We're on Vice". The comment is greeted with startled yelps – along with an inquisitive query: "Is that good?!"

BOMBASTIC

The Vice article declares Scared Of The Dark a 'bombastic, ABBA-referencing pop beast that will most certainly soundtrack someone's post-divorce drinking this year', declaring it 'banger of the month'.

This reaction has come as a complete surprise, says Lee, flanked by mum-of-two Claire, who arrives a little later than her band mates after completing the school run.

"We didn't know how people were going to take it," confesses Lee. "We know fans love the old stuff, it's been proven. But the new material, we thought, 'Oh God, we're from 20 years ago, the charts have changed, how they buy it has changed, how it charts. . . .'."

But all that doesn't seem to have mattered. The group recall leaving the BBC in Salford after an interview a day or two before, when staff members lined the glass corridors to catch a glimpse of Steps passing through.

Claire recalls: "There were loads of people asking for photos and autographs, and security told us they had never seen anything like it. They've had Bradley Cooper, Will.i.am and all these really amazing famous people in there, and they said this never happens.

"I don't actually know what is going on!" she adds, laughing.

Although they still aren't quite sure how the charts work (they repeatedly ask about the difference between streaming and buying), they take great delight in following Scared Of The Dark's climb on the iTunes Store, and admit they've been sharing positions and updates via their WhatsApp group.

They listened to the song's first play on the radio in the car together – almost 20 years to the day after they gathered to hear their debut release, the now iconic 5, 6, 7, 8.

"It felt like we had started all over again," reflects H. "There were tears, and shivers and camaraderie and love, and it was so amazing. We were together for 5, 6, 7, 8 listening in a van. It feels like deja vu."

Their WhatsApp group is also what supported the band's relaunch. With all five scattered around the globe now, it meant they could all receive instructions to post the same updates from their social media accounts at the same time.

"I was in Dubai, Faye was in Mexico, H was in Wales, the other two were in London. We were all over the world waiting, pouncing with our phones pressing send," explains Lee.

"It was like, 'Thunderbirds are go!'" H chips in. "It was so exciting."

Probed on why now was right for the band's third coming, the five are adamant it isn't purely a gimmicky return to mark 20 years, but that they want to 'inject pop back into pop music'.

"New music the key for us to have a new energy with Steps," says Faye, "because we couldn't have asked the fans to come and see us again with just the old songs. We were so ready to give them something and I think it has breathed new life into us."

They promise the new record, Tears On The Dancefloor, despite its name, will add some colour and light relief to a 'grey world'.

"I think the world needs a bit of light-hearted fun," says Lee, "Steps always brought that. We've got upbeat music, we like having a great time, we just want the audience to join in with us, forget their worries for a while and just have a bit fun, and that's what we want to bring back."

> *There were tears, and shivers and camaraderie and love, it was amazing*

And the album wasn't thrown together, he insists, but was two years in the making, and the band listened to around 50 tracks before settling on the final tracklist.

"We are really protective of us," explains Claire. "Protective of Steps.

"It is ours, it is our legacy and we're always very cautious about doing something that might damage that."

It's clear, behind all the jokes and buoyancy, this is a group who really want this comeback to succeed.

"Do you not think though that music, and fashion, have a 20-year cycle," Faye reasons.

After a pause, an unsure Watkins asks: "Does that mean we'll do this again when we're 60?"

"Oh God, that scares me!" Tozer replies – but perhaps don't bet against it.

● Tears On The Dancefloor is out on April 21 while tickets to the Steps UK tour, Party On The Dancefloor, are on sale now. Visit www.stepsofficial.co.uk. Steps play Barclaycard Arena on December 1.

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The Stand Up And Rock crew

Jasper is ready to Stand Up and Rock again

After 25 years of stand-up, Jasper Carrott decided he was done with live comedy. Until the Stand Up and Rock Tour with former ELO drummer Bev Bevan came about.

During his career, spanning more than 40 years, proud Brummie Jasper has starred in numerous TV programmes, written books and even reached number five in the UK charts in 1975 with Funky Moped, produced by ELO's Jeff Lynne. It sold more than half a million copies.

Jasper, pictured with Bev and his other Stand Up and Rock co-stars, was granted the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2008 British Comedy Awards. He first began doing shows at folk clubs across the Midlands, with Brummie Jasper hailing the Black Country as a 'great place to work'. Well, he's back in the Black Country to perform at Dudley Town Hall on Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21.

"The reason we're doing so many shows in the Black Country is because of the wonderful audiences," says Jasper, now aged 71.

"When I was starting out in my career, going through the folk clubs, I loved it in the Black Country.

"There were dozens of these folk clubs across the area back then, in Codsall, Tettenhall, Dudley, Kingswinford. I always had such a good time.

"Dudley Town Hall, for example. It's always somewhere I really look forward to performing."

Back in 2000 the star stopped doing stand-up, but it was the Stand Up And Rock tour back in 2014 which rekindled his love for live comedy.

"It started off a few years back with Bev, who I've been mates with for 60 years. We realised there was a whole audience not being catered for, those aged 50 and above.

"By the time I hit the road I'll be 72," he says. "Ken Dodd's 87 and he's still doing it. That gives me some hope."

The line-up includes drummer Bev Bevan (ELO, The Move) and singer Geoff Turton (The Rockin' Berries) plus Phil Tree, Tony Kelsey, Abby Brant and newcomer Suzi Woo. See www.dudley.gov.uk/entertainment or call (01384) 812 812.

Kinks musical will really get you

SUNNY Afternoon the Olivier Award-winning West End hit featuring the music of Ray Davies and The Kinks, visits Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday, April 18 to 22.

The tour stars Ryan O'Donnell as Ray Davies (pictured) with Mark Newnham as his battling brother Dave, Garmon Rhys as bassist Pete Quaife and Andrew Gallo as drummer Mick Avory

The Kinks exploded onto the 60s music scene with a raw energetic new sound that rocked a nation. But one of the era's most iconic British bands experienced a tumultuous time of euphoric highs and agonising lows, leaving a musical legacy that influenced later generations, from You Really Got Me, via Waterloo Sunset to Lola.

The acclaimed show won four accolades at the 2015 Olivier Awards including Best New Musical and Outstanding Achievement in Music for Ray Davies. Following a sell-out run at Hampstead Theatre, Sunny Afternoon opened to critical acclaim at the Harold Pinter Theatre in London's West End in October 2014 and had its final London performance two years later.

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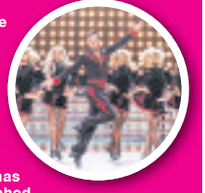
Meanwhile, On April 21, Ray Davies will release his first new album in more than nine years, Americana, via Legacy Recordings. The 15-track collection of originals serves as a master-crafted return for one of the most highly-rated songwriters of the past 50 years, and follows Davies' 2013 memoir of the same name.

Using the book as both source material and catalyst, Davies enlisted The Jayhawks as his backing band and recorded the album at Konk, the London studio founded by The Kinks in 1973.

A new Lord of the Dance



More than 40 of the finest young dancers will feature in Michael Flatley's spectacular Lord of the Dance: Dangerous Games at Symphony Hall, Birmingham, from Wednesday to Sunday, April 19 to 23.

Though he no longer appears, the production has been created, choreographed and directed by Irish dance superstar Flatley. This UK tour will star his protégés James Keegan, Morgan Comer and Mathew Smith as Lord of the Dance. See www.thsh.co.uk or call 0121 780 3333.

Band ready to make another Splashh

Indie rock band Splashh release their second album, Waiting A Lifetime, tomorrow (Friday) and have a gig at Birmingham venue the Hare and Hounds on Thursday, April 20.

After a brief relocation to New York, the London-based Anglo-Aussie outfit recorded Waiting A Lifetime in Brooklyn with producer Nicolas Vernhes (War on Drugs, Deerhunter, Animal Collective). Featuring bassist Tom Beal, formerly of Wolverhampton band Ripchord, the new album is sometimes more raucous than their slacker-rock debut, Comfort, five years ago.

Splashh was formed in 2012 by Sasha Carlson and Toto Vivian, friends from suburban Australia. The line-up is completed by Beal and Jaie Gonzales.

They will be supported by The Americas and Phones at the Kings Heath venue. Tickets £8 in advance.

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Peter Capaldi & Pearl Mackie

Doctor Who (BBC1, 7.20pm)

New series. Peter Capaldi's eccentric, era-hopping Time Lord returns for his final series. However, before he hands over the key to the Tardis to his as-yet-undecided successor, there's the matter of the girl with a star in her eye to deal with. A chance encounter brings Bill Potts into contact with the Doctor, who is conducting a secret mission on Earth. What follows is a terrifying chase across time and space, one that opens Bill's mind to the prospect of a bigger and wider universe than she'd ever imagined. Pearl Mackie makes her debut Doctor Who appearance as new companion Bill, while Matt Lucas also stars as the Doctor's old ally Nardole.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Mary Berry's Absolute Favourites. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The afternoon session on day one at the Crucible Theatre. **4.30** Final Score. **5.30** Who Dares Wins.

6.10 BBC News.

6.20 Regional Programme.

6.30 Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman present as famous faces take part in the general knowledge quiz in which they try to come up with the least likely correct answers to a series of questions posed to members of the public.

7.20 Doctor Who. New series. Peter Capaldi returns, as a secret mission brings the Time Lord and his sardonic assistant Nardole into contact with a girl with a star in her eye. With Pearl Mackie.

8.10 Casualty. A man turns to arson to bring justice to a bullying boss, unaware that he has placed his own wife in mortal danger. Meanwhile, Jez finds himself in bed with Elle's 17-year-old son.

9.00 All Round to Mrs Brown's. Agnes Brown and her brood are joined in their studio-home by another selection of famous faces, including comedian and presenter Sue Perkins and Diversity's Ashley Banjo, who brings his mum Danielle to meet the formidable Irish matriarch. Former Silent Witness star Emilia Fox, most recently seen trying to solve the mystery of The Missing Crown Jewels in Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway, becomes the latest unsuspecting star to join Dermot and Buster on their Celebrity Tour venture, and Aston Merrygold – whose latest single Show Me was released last month – provides this week's music.

10.00 BBC News; Weather.; National Lottery Update.

10.20 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, which include Southampton v Manchester City.

11.45 Film: Rescue Dawn. (2006) Werner Herzog's Vietnam War drama, starring Christian Bale and Steve Zahn.

1.45 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.50** BBC News.

BBC2

6.05 Film: Up Periscope. (1959) **7.55 Film:** The Heroes of Telemark. (1965) **10.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. **12.00** Track Cycling World Championships. Live coverage day four at Hong Kong Velodrome. **3.30** Gardeners' World. (R) **4.30** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The afternoon session on day one at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield. **5.30** Nature's Weirdest Events. (R) **5.45** Easter from King's 2017.

7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Coverage of the concluding session on the opening day of the ranking tournament at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where the first-round matches featuring Mark Selby and Anthony McGill reach a conclusion. Selby is given the honour of being involved in the first fixture of the tournament in his role as reigning champion, but will be well aware that several winners have fallen at the first hurdle the following year, as the unique pressure of defending the title in the intimate surroundings of the Crucible have their effect.

8.00 Grand Tours of Scotland. Paul Murton travels from Loch Tay in Perthshire to the spa town of Strathpeffer, via the Rannoch Moor wilderness and the mountain of Buachaille Etive Mor.

8.30 Dad's Army. Classic comedy, starring Arthur Lowe and John Le Mesurier. (R)

9.00 QI XL.

9.45 Film: War of the Worlds. (2005) A divorced father's rare weekend with his two estranged children descends into horror when alien war machines rise from beneath Earth and begin to systematically destroy every human being in their path – leaving the man with the dangerous task of getting his kids to safety. Steven Spielberg's sci-fi thriller, based on HG Wells' novel, with Tom Cruise, Dakota Fanning, Justin Chatwin, Miranda Otto and Tim Robbins.

11.35 Snooker: The World Championship. Jason Mohammad presents highlights of the evening session on the opening day at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where two first-round matches were scheduled to conclude.

12.25 Snooker: World Championship Extra. **2.25** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Bottom Knocker Street. **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Sooty. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Oddbods. (R) **7.05** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: NinjaGo: Masters of Spinjitzu. (R) **8.20** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. (R) **8.45** Scrambled!: Teen Titans Go! **9.05** Scrambled!: Adventure Time. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Weekend. **10.25** James Martin's French Adventure. (R) **11.25** ITV News; Weather. **11.35 Film:** The Flintstones. (1994) **1.20 Film:** The Secret of My Success. (1987) Comedy, starring Michael J Fox. **3.30** Tipping Point. (R) **4.30** Fantastic Beasts and JK Rowling's Wizarding World. (R) **5.30** Regional Programme ; Weather.**5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 Operation Magic. Illusionist and Britain's Got Talent 2016 winner Richard Jones performs a special magic show for his former comrades-in-arms in the Army.

7.00 Take Me Out. New series. A model, a circus performer, a football coach and a salesman try to get the female participants to keep their lights on.

8.00 Britain's Got Talent. New series. The nationwide talent search, which gives members of the public a chance to show off their remarkable signature skills, returns for an 11th series. As ever, Ant and Dec take on hosting duties, heading backstage to chat with the scores of auditionees queuing up for their chance at stardom, while Alesha Dixon and David Walliams come back for their sixth year on the judging panel alongside veterans Simon Cowell and Amanda Holden. Even at this early stage, reports from the audition recording stages indicate that some of the acts have made a strong impression on the judges – but whether that will work in their favour remains to be seen.

9.25 Film: The Expendables. (2010) Action thriller, directed by and starring Sylvester Stallone. With Jason Statham.

10.25 ITV News; Weather.

10.40 Film: The Expendables. (2010) Continued.

11.40 The Chase. (R)

12.30 Jackpot247.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 Triathlon: Super League Triathlon. **7.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.55** The Simpsons. (R) **11.25** The Simpsons. (R) **11.50** The Simpsons. (R) **12.20** Extreme Food. **12.55** Formula 1 Bahrain Grand Prix Practice 3 Live. Coverage from the Bahrain International Circuit in Sakhir. **2.25** F1 Meets Murray Walker. **2.55** Formula 1 Bahrain Grand Prix Qualifying Live. From the Bahrain International Circuit in Sakhir (Start-time 4.00pm). **5.30** Travel Man: 48 Hours in Naples. (R)

6.00 Channel 4 News.

6.30 Film: The Book Thief. (2013) Premiere. A girl separated from her family is raised by foster parents in Nazi Germany, who instill in her a love of reading. She is horrified by the book burnings and tries to save volumes from the flames, while she and her adoptive family provide a safe hiding place for a Jewish boy. Drama based on Markus Zusak's novel, starring Sophie Nelisse, Geoffrey Rush and Emily Watson.

9.00 Film: The Imitation Game. (2014) Biopic of mathematician Alan Turing, whose work during the Second World War translated seemingly unbreakable Nazi codes as well as pioneering the development of computer technology. In the years following the war, his life would be destroyed as his homosexuality was discovered, leaving him facing criminal charges. Starring Benedict Cumberbatch, Keira Knightley and Charles Dance.

11.15 Film: Solomon Kane. (2010) A 17th-century mercenary fights to redeem himself for his past sins by rescuing a kidnapped girl from an evil sorcerer. Fantasy thriller, with James Purefoy and Pete Postlethwaite.

1.05 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. Arizona bistro owners who have a contempt for customer feedback. (R) **1.55** Hollyoaks. Omnibus. Liam's fury with Grace grows and he has a plan for those closest to her. (R) **4.00** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. From Reigate in Surrey. (R) **4.50** Four in a Bed. (R) **5.15** Location, Location, Location. House-hunting in west London. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **9.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.30** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **11.15** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **11.40** Police Interceptors Unleashed. (R) **12.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.10** Bargain Bride on Benefits. (R) **2.10** On Benefits: Life on the Dole. (R) **3.15** On Benefits: Life on the Dole. (R) **4.15** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R) **5.15** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R)

6.10 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. The agents have an explosive run-in with a debtor as they try to retrieve £1,800 owed by a car dealership, and in Derbyshire, two officers try to collect more than £1,500 in unpaid parking fines. Elsewhere, Max and Paul are in London as they attempt to recover £2,000 owed by a property company, but an employee refuses to let them enter. (R)

7.10 NCIS: Los Angeles. Part two of two. Kensi goes in search of her father's killer, before bumping into her mother, who she has not seen for more than 15 years.

8.00 NCIS. The team looks into a raid on a naval base, and Dr Cyril Taft – the surgeon who saved Gibbs' life – experiences the thrill of assisting on an investigation. Assigned to treat Gibbs' suspect, Taft manages to uncover evidence that may prove crucial to solving the case. Meanwhile, DiNozzo pays his old flame Jeanne Benoit a visit as he chases a lead involving doctors in Sudan. Guest starring John Cryer.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Most Shocking Celebrity Moments: The 00s. A look back at the noughties, which witnessed the birth of reality TV and some bizarre scenes caught on camera – from George Galloway's turn as a cat in Celebrity Big Brother, to Katie Price and Peter Andre's love affair and Gillian McKeith's fit of the vapours on I'm a Celebrity. It was also the decade that saw Susan Boyle shock the judges on Britain's Got Talent, Miley Cyrus cause a storm at the VMAs, Robbie Williams rejoin Take That, and Kate Moss dabble with cocaine. There are also reflections on incidents involving Tiger Woods, Lance Armstrong and Wayne Rooney. (R)

11.55 Access.

12.00 SuperCasino. **3.10 Film:** Knock Off. (1998) **4.50** House Doctor. (R)

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BBC Four

7.00 The Silk Road **8.00** Tankies: Tank Heroes of WWII **9.00 Film:** Department Q: The Absent One (2014) **10.55** Top of the Pops: 1983 **12.05** Chas & Dave: Last Orders **1.05** London Songs at the BBC **2.05** Squeeze: Take Me I'm Yours **3.05** Sounds of the Eighties **3.35** Close

ITV2

11.05 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway **12.35** Britain's Got Talent: Top 10 Daredevils **1.40** Grease: Live **4.40 Film:** Happy Feet (2006) **5.40** FYI Daily **5.45 Film:** Happy Feet (2006) **6.45 Film:** Bean (1997) **7.45** FYI Daily **7.50 Film:** Bean (1997) **8.30** Scorpion **9.25** Britain's Got More Talent **10.30** Celebrity Juice **11.20** Family Guy **12.45** American Dad! **1.45** Through the Keyhole **2.35** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.55** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

11.30 Film: Holiday on the Buses (1973) **12.30** FYI Daily **12.35 Film:** Holiday on the Buses (1973) **1.15 Film:** Carry On Abroad (1972) **2.15** FYI Daily **2.20 Film:** Carry On Abroad (1972) **3.05 Film:** Carry On Doctor (1967) **4.05** FYI Daily **4.10 Film:** Carry On Doctor (1967) **5.05 Film:** Carry On Behind (1975) **6.05** FYI Daily **6.10 Film:** Carry On Behind (1975) **7.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Lewis

ITV4

11.00 Pawn Stars **1.30** ITV Racing Live from Musselburgh and Haydock Park. Coverage of today's race meetings at Musselburgh and Haydock Park. **4.00 Film:** The Land That Time Forgot (1975) **5.00** FYI Daily **5.05 Film:** The Land That Time Forgot (1975) **5.50** It's Not Rocket Science **6.55** Fierce **7.55** River Monsters **9.00 Film:** Clear and Present Danger (1994) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05 Film:** Clear and Present Danger (1994) **11.50 Film:** Awake (2007) **12.55** FYI Daily **1.00 Film:** Awake (2007) **1.35** Fifth Gear **2.25** Hogan's Heroes

E4

12.30 The Goldbergs **3.00 Film:** Evolution (2001) **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Taken 2 (2012) **10.50** Gogglebox **12.50** Celebrity First Dates **1.50** Naked Attraction **2.50** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **3.35** Gogglebox

Film4

11.00 Diary of a Wimpy Kid (2010) **1.00** Home Alone (1990) **3.10** Stuart Little (1999) **4.50** Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2009) **6.45** The River Wild (1994) **9.00** X-Men: First Class (2011) **11.35** The Windmill Massacre (2016) **1.15** Resident Evil: Apocalypse (2004) **3.25** Close

CHOICE

Rowan Atkinson

Maigret's Night at the Crossroads
(ITV, 8.00pm)
The detective interrogates a mysterious Dane who has been caught with the dead body of a diamond dealer in his car, and who proves entirely resistant to his questioning. Maigret is convinced his suspect's sister may know something, but soon discovers that everyone in the small rural town where they live is hiding something. Guest starring Tom Wlaschiha (Game of Thrones) and Kevin McNally (the Pirates of the Caribbean movies). With Rowan Atkinson, Lucy Cohu, Shaun Dingwall, Mark Heap, Leo Staar, Aidan McArdle, Mia Jexen, Stephen Wright, Robin Weaver, Ben Caplan, Catherine Kanter and Paul Chahidi.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** BBC News. **10.00** Easter Day Service – Live from Hereford Cathedral. **11.00** Urbi et Orbi. **11.25** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.15** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional Programme. **2.15 Film:** Cool Runnings. (1993) Fact-based sporting comedy, starring John Candy. **3.50** Spring: Earth's Seasonal Secrets. **4.50** Lifeline. **5.00** Songs of Praise. **5.35** Galapagos. (R)

6.35 BBC News.

6.50 Regional Programme.

7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker takes part in a pace egg rolling challenge in Lancashire and meets an artist who decorates eggs for a living, while Anita Rani follows a walk through the region's hills set up to commemorate the witch trials that occurred 400 years ago. Steve Brown visits Brockholes nature reserve in the hope of seeing boxing hares, Adam Henson goes shopping for pigs, and Tom Heap reports on an MRSA outbreak in Denmark. Including weather for the week ahead.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce returns for a second episode from Pembroke Castle in West Wales. Items brought in to be valued include a sapphire ring that changes colour in different light, a papal hat that once belonged to Pope Pius XII, and a collection of Anglo-Indian paintings from 1780 that were once used to decorate a village's scout hut.

9.00 Line of Duty. The AC-12 investigation intensifies in light of recent developments, and new forensic anomalies lead the detectives to a major breakthrough. Meanwhile, Nick Huntley comes under scrutiny.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman presents highlights of the day's Premier League action, featuring West Bromwich Albion v Liverpool.

11.30 I'm Different: Let Me Drive. An autistic driver passes his test, but finds his parents do not want him to drive on his own, so takes a pass plus test. Another learner tries to keep her twitches under control.

12.00 Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.05** BBC News.

BBC2

6.30 The Beechgrove Garden. **7.00** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.00** Countryfile. (R) **9.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **10.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** Track Cycling World Championships. **2.15** Live Snooker: The World Championship. Coverage of the second session on the second day.

6.00 Inside the Factory: Shoes. Gregg Wallace visits the UK's largest sports shoe factory to see how 3,500 pairs of trainers are made every day, before meeting the man who comes up with the latest designs. Cherry Healey gets hands-on in a tannery, helping to process thousands of rawhides into finished leather for the nation's shoes, and finds out how a ballet company painstakingly create 250,000 ballet shoes per year. Ruth Goodman reveals how, when the sewing machine was first introduced into shoe factories in the mid-19th century, traditional shoemakers went on strike to rebel against joining a restrictive production line. (R)

7.00 Robot Wars. Dara O Briain and Angela Scanlon present the grand final between robots Aftershock, Eruption, Ironside 3, Concussion, Carbide and an unconfirmed wild card. Last in the series.

8.00 Top Gear. Chris and Rory take a road trip across Cuba, Matt LeBlanc test drives the Mercedes-AMG GT R, and Ross Noble is this week's Star in a Reasonably Fast Car.

9.00 Colombia with Simon Reeve. The presenter explores the country as 50 years of civil war draws to a close, meeting farmers in need of government support and guerrilla fighters who have pledged to lay down arms.

10.00 Film: At Any Price. (2012) Premiere. A farmer and his rebellious race driver son are forced to pull together as the family business comes under a series of threats. Drama, starring Dennis Quaid and Zac Efron.

11.40 Snooker: The World Championship. Jason Mohammad introduces the evening session on day two at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, which featured two matches in the first round, involving Marco Fu and Mark Allen.

12.30 Snooker: World Championship Extra. **2.30** Countryfile. (R)

ITV

6.00 CITV: Bottom Knocker Street. **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Sooty. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories; Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Oddbods. (R) **7.05** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: NinjaGo: Masters of Spinjitzu. (R) **8.20** Scrambled!: Teen Titans Go! **8.45** Scrambled!: Teen Titans Go! **9.05** Scrambled!: Adventure Time. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Weekend. **10.20** Judge Rinder. (R) **11.25** Wild Australia with Ray Mears. (R) **11.50** ITV News; Weather. **12.00 Film:** Thunderball. (1965) **2.35** Britain's Got Talent. (R) **4.00** Little Big Shots. (R) **5.00** Regional Programme ; Weather.**5.15** ITV News; Weather. **5.30** Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule. (R)

6.00 The Voice: The Winner's Story. A celebration of this year's winner of the talent show, looking back at their appearances in the series and catching up with them in the aftermath of their success in the final.

7.00 Five Gold Rings. Game show, hosted by Phillip Schofield, in which two sisters take on a married couple to answer visual questions by placing rings on an LED floor. Last in the series.

8.00 Maigret's Night at the Crossroads. The detective interrogates a mysterious Dane who has been caught with a dead body in his car in a rural town – but finds all the locals seem to be hiding something.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.20 Lethal Weapon. As Riggs and Murtaugh examine the murder of one of LA's fashion expeditors, they follow a trail of evidence that leads them to a dangerous underground investigation led by the DEA. (R)

11.10 The Nightly Show Best Bits. Highlights of the seventh week of the entertainment show, with Jason Manford presenting a mix of topical monologues, studio games, celebrity guests, stand-up and video clips.

11.40 Premiership Rugby Union. Action from the 20th round of fixtures, which included Harlequins v Exeter Chiefs, Bristol v Wasps, and Northampton Saints v Saracens.

12.30 Jackpot247. **3.00** The Cube. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The King of Queens. (R) **6.35** The King of Queens. (R) **7.00** The King of Queens. (R) **7.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Ice Age: The Great Egg-Scapade. (R) **1.00 Film:** Hop. (2011) Part-animated comedy, starring James Marsden. **2.50** Formula 1 Bahrain Grand Prix Live Build-Up. Previewing the third round of the season. **3.50** Formula 1 Bahrain Grand Prix Live. Coverage of the third round of the season (Start-time 4.00pm).

6.15 Formula 1 Bahrain Grand Prix Live Reaction. Steve Jones presents reaction to the third round of the season, which took place at the Bahrain International Circuit in Sakhir.

6.45 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Kevin McCloud's Escape to the Wild. Kevin travels to Central America to meet British family-of-five the Atkinsons, who have quit London to live a simpler existence in the rainforests of Belize. As he attempts to understand their motivations for the move, he suffers from the heat, is attacked by swarms of biting insects and shares his mud hut with a large scorpion, but begins to appreciate the rewards of a simple jungle life, one in which they've constructed a two-storey building entirely from recycled rubbish. (R)

8.00 Rome's Sunken Secrets. Documentary exploring the underwater ruins of an ancient Roman city located in the Bay of Naples, revealing how the volcanic landscape led to its destruction.

9.00 Homeland. Dar scrambles to get his plan back on track, Saul and Keane deal with some fallout from her interview, and Carrie realises that she and Quinn must act fast. Last in the series.

10.10 Gogglebox. Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (R)

11.05 Film: East Is East. (1999) Two Asian teenagers in 1970s Salford are horrified when their traditionally minded father plans arranged marriages for them. Comedy drama, starring Om Puri and Jimi Mistry.

1.00 Film: Kingpin. (1996) **3.00** Gillette World Sport. **3.30** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **3.55** Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free. (R) **4.10** Four in a Bed. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Pip Ahoy! **6.10** Mr Men. **6.20** Mofy. **6.30** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.35** Paw Patrol. (R) **6.45** Bob the Builder. (R) **7.00** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.10** Olly the Little White Van. **7.20** Little Princess. (R) **7.35** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.05** Blaze and the Monster Machines. **8.30** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.45** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.15** Peppa Pig. **9.35** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.45** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.20** Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops. (R) **10.45** Grannies Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) **11.45** Playful Pups Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) **12.45 Film:** Watership Down. (1978) Animated drama, with the voice of John Hurt. **2.30** Greatest Animated Movies. (R) **5.20 Film:** Oliver! (1968) Musical, starring Ron Moody.

8.00 Naughty Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud. Compilation of internet videos featuring cats doing bizarre and humorous things.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 The Prince Story: Icon, Genius, Slave. Documentary exploring the singer's troubled private life, exploring the emotional turmoil that inspired some of his most famous songs. The programme examines some of the more unusual incidents in his career, including his failed marriage and changing his name to a symbol, as well as the circumstances that led him to die alone.

11.05 Film: Purple Rain. (1984) A talented but arrogant musician with a troubled home life tries to make a name for himself and win the heart of a fellow singer. Musical drama, with Prince and Apollonia Kotero.

1.10 SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.10** Body of Proof. Part two of two. Megan finds a bomb implanted in Dr Wallace's latest victim and receives a phone call telling her to bring the device to a rendezvous point or Lacey will be killed. (R) **4.00** Criminals: Caught on Camera. The use of CCTV in policing large crowds and bringing rioters to justice. (R) **4.50** House Doctor. A West Midlands home is overhauled. (R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS. The work of an animal sanctuary. (R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm. Virgil gets the blame for breaking a vase. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. Maxi and Roary argue over which of them is faster. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 Messiah at the Foundling Hospital **8.00** Darcey Bussell's Looking for Audrey **9.00** Shakespeare's Mother: The Secret Life of a Tudor Woman **10.00** The Killer Wave of 1607 **10.50** The Mystery of Rome's X Tomb **11.50** The Story of Maths **12.50** Cleopatra: A Timewatch Guide **1.50** Pugin: God's Own Architect

ITV2

11.30 Britain's Got Talent **1.00** 2Awesome **1.05** 2Awesome: Guidance **1.35** 2Awesome: Third Wheel **1.55** 2Awesome: LA Story **2.05** 2Awesome: Side Effects **2.35** You've Been Framed! Gold **3.05 Film:** Hotel Transylvania (2012) **4.10** FYI Daily **4.15 Film:** Hotel Transylvania (2012) **4.50 Film:** Despicable Me 2 (2013) **5.50** FYI Daily **5.55 Film:** Despicable Me 2 (2013) **6.55 Film:** The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) **7.55** FYI Daily **8.00 Film:** The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) **10.00** Family Guy

ITV3

11.40 Film: Mutiny on the Buses (1972) **12.40** FYI Daily **12.45 Film:** Mutiny on the Buses (1972) **1.25 Film:** Carry On Dick (1974) **2.25** FYI Daily **2.30 Film:** Carry On Dick (1974) **3.15 Film:** Carry On Again Doctor (1969) **4.15** FYI Daily **4.20 Film:** Carry On Again Doctor (1969) **5.05 Film:** Carry On Up the Khyber (1968) **6.05** FYI Daily **6.10 Film:** Carry On Up the Khyber (1968) **6.55 Film:** That Riviera Touch (1966) **7.55** FYI Daily **8.00 Film:** That Riviera Touch (1966) **9.00** Morecambe and Wise Forever **10.00** It'll Be Alright on the Night **11.00** Lewis

ITV4

6.15 Football's Greatest: Bobby Charlton **6.35** Pawn Stars **7.00** The Big Fish Off **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.05 Film:** The Dirty Dozen (1967) **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10 Film:** The Dirty Dozen (1967) **12.10 Film:** United 93 (2006) **1.10** FYI Daily **1.15 Film:** United 93 (2006)

E4

11.30 The Big Bang Theory **12.30** The Goldbergs **2.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **3.00 Film:** We Bought a Zoo (2011) **5.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **10.00** Tattoo Fixers **11.00** E4's Tattoo Artist of the Year **12.05** Naked Attraction **1.05** Bizarre ER **2.05** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD

Film4

11.00 Marmaduke (2010) **1.00** Young Sherlock Holmes (1985) **3.15** Stuart Little 2 (2002) **4.50** Ice Age: Continental Drift (2012) **6.35** Mission: Impossible 2 (2000) **9.00** Bridesmaids (2011) **11.25** Sin City: A Dame to Kill For (2014)

PICK OF THE WEEK

Returning series hopes to keep the winning formula

Dubbed 'the sexiest TV drama ever' and the most expensive French TV series made to date, (each show cost twice as much as an episode of Downton Abbey), Versailles arrived on our screens in 2015 with massive expectations.

The period drama raised eyebrows with its gratuitous sex scenes in the first few episodes, but viewers soon became hooked on the intrigue and scandal in Louis XIV's court.

The absolute monarch who built the vast Château de Versailles and set France on a path towards a revolution that would come decades after his death, has been the subject of many mini-series and films over the years.

But French broadcaster Canal+ decided to sidestep the cliché of a powerful old monarch in tights, instead hiring two Hollywood-based British writers, David Wolstencroft and Simon Mirren, and focusing on the king in his 20s, fragile and vulnerable, as he decides to build the palace and move the whole court from Paris.

It's the story of a paranoid young man's image control, his plotting, bed-hopping and his love-hate relationship with his younger brother Philippe, Duke of Orléans, known during Louis's reign as Monsieur.

The first series came to a dramatic finale in late 2015, when the king's sister-in-law Henriette (Noémie Schmidt) – who was also portrayed as his lover – met a painful end after someone poisoned her

Henriette's husband Philippe and the king – played by Alexander Vlahos and George Blagden respectively – could only look on in horror as her throat began to close up.

Tonight, the sumptuous drama returns four years after Henriette's passing, with fresh challenges for the king and his court.

Season two looks at the dark underbelly of power as Louis sees the dream of his grand palace at Versailles crumbling before his eyes.

With phase one complete, most of France's eminent lords and ladies now live under the Sun King's roof.

Drugs, gambling and alcohol are rampant, as nobles begin to poison each other in order to get closer to him.

Blinded by his passion for his mistress, Louis refuses to listen to the advice of the church and his closest advisors and leaves for war against arch-enemy William of Orange, but he must discover the path back to light and redemption to save his vision.

"We have seen this boy-king become this man over 10 hours of season one," explained Blagden.

"And we start season two with him starting to exercise the power he has gained in season one.

"The abuse of that power can distance people from him and he starts to listen to the wrong people and stop listening to the right people."

In the first episode, a coveted vacancy arises, while pregnant Madame de Montespan (Anna Brewster) exercises her influence at every opportunity.

George Blagden stars in Versailles, Friday, BBC2, 9.30pm

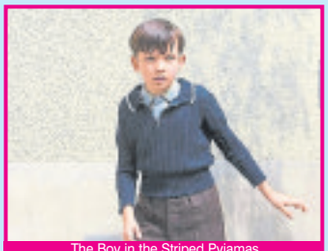
FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas, BBC2, 10pm
Bruno, a boy in Nazi Germany, moves to the country when his father is placed in charge of a concentration camp. While exploring the woods close to the facility's boundary, he spots a Jewish youngster being held there, and the two become friends – but Bruno remains innocently oblivious to the camp's true purpose. Drama, starring David Thewlis, Asa Butterfield and Jack Scanlon. (2008)

TUESDAY

A Housekeeper's Revenge, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A student fears for her life after a number of disturbing occurrences, leaving her desperately searching for the culprit. The search leads to her family housemaid – unaware their connection is much deeper than expected. Thriller, starring Chrysti Ane, Lee Broda, Kenton Duty and Doug Haley. (2016)



The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas, Monday, BBC2, 10pm

WEDNESDAY

Byzantium, Channel 4, 1.35am
Two female vampires spend centuries on the run from an order of their own kind, who object to women becoming undead. They hide out in a seaside town, where one uses a brothel as a means to find men to feed on, while the other forms a bond with a terminally ill boy – but their past soon catches up with them. Horror, starring Gemma Arterton, Saoirse Ronan and Jonny Lee Miller. (2012)

THURSDAY

A Husband's Confession, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A preacher's life is derailed when the son he never knew he had appears in town, just as his wayward teenage niece goes missing. Drama, starring JR Bourne. Edited for daytime broadcast. (2015)

FRIDAY

Dinner for Schmucks, BBC1, 11.50pm
An ambitious executive hopes to win a mean-spirited contest held by his bosses to find the most ridiculous dinner-party guest for everyone to mock. He thinks he has found the perfect winning entry when he meets a dim-witted and socially awkward amateur taxidermist – but has to contend with pretending they are friends. Comedy, with Steve Carell and Paul Rudd. (2010)

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

The Walt Disney Story
Channel 5, 4.10pm
Some viewers may remember the days when bank holiday TV wasn't complete without a Disney compilation show, featuring clips from some of the studio's best-loved movies. So, they may feel a little bit nostalgic about this documentary, which looks at how Walt Disney came to make such a huge impact on American culture. Presented by Walt's daughter Diane Disney Miller and narrated by Mary Poppins star Dick Van Dyke, it features interviews with key directors, animators and actors, as well as home movies and, of course, excerpts from the films themselves. However, the documentary also examines some of the more controversial aspect of Disney's legacy, including Walt's testimony before the House Un-American Activities Committee and the 1941 strike at the studios.

TUESDAY

Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners
Channel 4, 8pm
New series. Some of the UK's most obsessive cleaners head stateside to clean America's mess, with two cleaners staying with their host and immersing themselves in the local culture. In this first episode, obsessive cleaners Tina and Mark fly to Texas to do battle with 70-year-old Patrick's home, spending five days attempting to transform the house which is nestled deep in the Texan countryside. The ranch was once a beautiful family home until Patrick's wife passed away three years ago, since when it has collected clutter, cobwebs and dog poo, and has fallen into a state of disrepair.

WEDNESDAY

Tonight at the London Palladium
ITV, 8pm
Actor, presenter and crooner Bradley Walsh has proved himself to be an all-round entertainer – he had the best-selling debut album in Britain last year – so it's no wonder that after initially flirting with weekly guest presenters, ITV has made him the permanent host of this variety show. The new series kicks off with a typically eclectic line-up, which sees Steps performing their new single for the first time on TV, and a performance by the Chinese State Circus. There's more music from multiple BRIT Award-winner Emeli SandÈ, Phantom of the Opera's Ben Forster, who performs Music of the Night, and all-male acapella group The Techtonics, as well as magic courtesy of Pete Firman. But will Bradley also be persuaded to give us a song?

Confessions of a Junior Doctor
Channel 4, 9pm
New series. Filmed at the height of the junior doctors crisis in 2016, this documentary series explores the story of the NHS in unprecedented times, told by some of the 60,000 junior doctors working on the front line in NHS hospitals. Working in every department, from A&E corridors to operating theatres, junior doctors are face increasing pressure as the NHS struggles to cope with the rising number of patients. The first episode follows new graduates as they begin to understand the reality of their new careers.

Born to Kill, Thursday, Channel 4, 9pm

THURSDAY

Born to Kill
Channel 4, 9pm
New series. Four-part thriller about Sam, a teenager who is on the verge of acting out hidden psychopathic desires. He lives with his protective mum Jenny (Romola Garai), a geriatric nurse, and thinks his dad died in a car crash. On the surface, he appears to be a model teenager. But his mother is protecting him from a dark secret, and when a new girl arrives in town with her single dad, Sam's suppressed desires start to emerge.

FRIDAY

Posh Pawn
Channel 4, 8pm
New series. The return of the programme offering an insight into the world of high-end pawnbroking. James takes a ride around London in an eye-catching supercar, with an aspiring fitness guru who's looking for £80,000. With her eyes on a round-the-world cruise costing £30,000, an adventurous retiree wants to sell a collection of handbags and jewellery. A car enthusiast contacts memorabilia expert Lawrence about a helmet that once belonged to land speed record-breaker Donald Campbell, and James faces a dilemma when he gets an offer for one of his favourite impulse buys.

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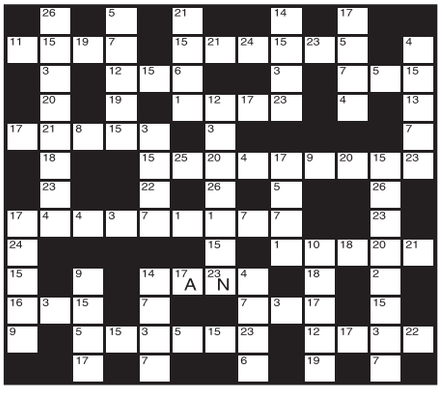
Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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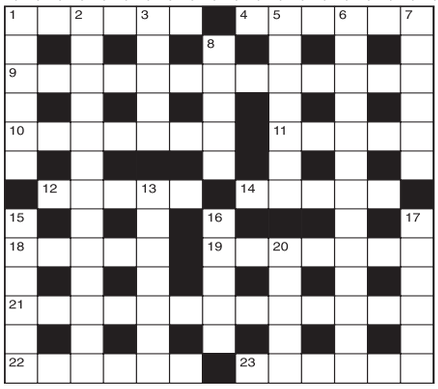
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Collision causes one politician to do something (6)
4. Slight violence in seeking entry (6)
9. It is used to drive one round the bend! (8,5)
10. Went over because thwarted? (7)
11. Avoid bad duel with egghead (5)
12. Love to make fuss again (5)
14. Prevent from practising as a lawyer? (5)
18. Sharp tasting pastry? (5)
19. Reject deterioration (7)
21. A clearer view of external affairs should result from his work (6,7)
22. Is afraid of adders (6)
23. Where animals may watch the show? (6)

Down

1. Spineless creature in religious body (6)
2. Prevalence can need proper order (13)
3. Players may have them in hand (5)
5. In no place, yet in this place at present (7)
6. Training in fuel in mixed classes (13)
7. Lovers doing a crossword? (6)
8. Pole writes a poem (5)
13. Answer some of the correspondence (7)
15. Boss finally will marry - and be tucked neatly away (6)
16. Cited a decree (5)
17. Lover's suit, perhaps (6)
20. Comb the others found on cockerel's head (5)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Levy (6)
4. Force (6)
9. Saturation (13)
10. Powerful (7)
11. Lift (5)
12. Love (5)
14. Improper (5)
18. Order (5)
19. Exempt (7)
21. Liable to mishaps (8-5)
22. Join up (6)
23. Stop (6)

Down

1. Hinder (6)
2. Essential bit (4,3,6)
3. Spruce (5)
5. Infested (7)
6. Gem (8,5)
7. Diminish (6)
8. Because (5)
13. Lives (7)
15. Abrade (6)
16. Agency (5)
17. Coming (6)
20. Frolic (5)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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7	5	1	6	8	3	2	9	4
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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Starting post; 7 Boast; 8 Cargo; 9 Toe; 10 Nerve cell; 11 Nodose; 12 Listen; 15 Seafaring; 17 Gas; 18 Along; 19 Steer; 21 Set an example. Down: 1 Shooting star; 2 Tea; 3 Nature; 4 Picketing; 5 Serve; 6 Rolling stone; 7 Blend; 10 Nostalgia; 13 Tiger; 14 Tissue; 16 Alone; 20 Era.
QUICK - Across: 1 Disconsolate; 7 Sable; 8 Miner; 9 Net; 10 Unconcern; 11 Expose; 12 Strong; 15 Retracted; 17 Awe; 18 Thick; 19 Image; 21 Strengthened.
Down: 1 Disintegrate; 2 Orb; 3 Speech; 4 Laminated; 5 Tense; 6 Transgressed; 7 Set up; 10 Unshackle; 13 Orate; 14 String; 16 Taint; 20 Ash.

Quiz

1. In which country is the Firth of Thames?
2. Who is the godfather of Marina Mowatt?
3. Of which bird family is the quail the smallest species?
4. The US Medal of Honor depicts which goddess?
5. Which composer did Clara Wieck marry in 1840?
6. What is the English name for the Dutch port Vlissingen?
7. What do we call the bulbous plant Allium cepa?
8. The word 'budget' is derived from which language's word for leather bag?
9. What type of monkey is the Barbary ape?
10. In the film world, who were Harry, Albert, Sam and Jack?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Gibraltar; 2 Ice hockey; 3 Piano; 4 On Her Majesty's Secret Service; 5 Ultra heat treated; 6 Pakistan; 7 Orpheus; 8 B; 9 Pekingese; 10 Humphrey Repton.

Niner: DEVALUING

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

845215 gives a road,
9825 gives a second road,
634567 gives waterways.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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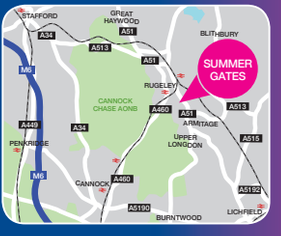

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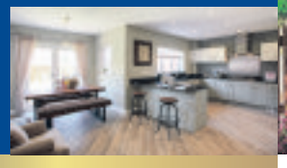

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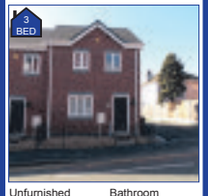

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Part Furnished, Town House, Lounge, Kitchen Diner, 1 Bedroom, Bathroom
Gas Central Heating, Allocated Parking, EPC Rating C
£425 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
HEDNESFORD ROAD

Unfurnished, First Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Shower Room
Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Garden, EPC Rating D
£390 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

WIMBLEBURY
HAMILTON CLOSE

Unfurnished, Ground Floor Flat, Open Plan, Lounge Kitchen, 1 Bedroom, Shower Room
Heating, Double Glazing, Parking, EPC Rating D
£360 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

OUR APPLICATION FEE IS £222 Including VAT or £318 Including VAT - DEPENDANT ON CIRCUMSTANCES

BOOT & SON

Independent Chartered Surveyors
Established 1919

0.7% + vat COMMISSION

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SALES LETTINGS MANAGEMENT AUCTIONS SURVEYS COMMERCIAL EPC's

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- ❖Well Equipped Four Bedroomed Mews House
- ❖Reception Hall
- ❖Cloakroom
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- ❖Breakfast Kitchen
- ❖Three First Floor Bedrooms
- ❖Family Bathroom and En-Suite Shower Room
- ❖Second Floor Bedroom with En-Suite and Dressing Room
- ❖Private Garden at Rear
- ❖Garage
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RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED WELL EQUIPPED INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED DETACHED RESIDENCE OFFERING FLEXIBLE 3/4 BEDROOMED ACCOMMODATION
Occupying Flexible 3/4 Bedroomed Accommodation Occupying Private Gardens In An Elevated Position With Views to Cannock Chase Located On The Edge On This Popular Staffordshire Village

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen/dining/family/garden room
- ◆ Bedroom 4/study
- ◆ Three first floor bedrooms
- ◆ En-suite shower room and family bathroom
- ◆ Private gardens
- ◆ Detached garage
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating B (86)

£365,000 FREEHOLD

FLAT 4 TEDDESLEY HOUSE, CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT Conveniently Located For Facilities Of The Centre Of The Popular Market Village Of Penkridge

- ◆ Communal hall, stairs and landing
- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Fitted kitchen
- ◆ Bathroom and en-suite shower room
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Allocated parking space
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating C (80)

£152,950

430 LITTLEWORTH ROAD, HEDNESFORD

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW OCCUPYING SECLUDED POSITION IN PRIVATE DRIVE
Convenient For Facilities at Hednesford, Heath Hayes and Cannock Centres

- ◆ Side reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Fitted breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Possible garage space
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating C (72)

£164,950 FREEHOLD

21 EARLSWOOD WAY, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE OFFERING FLEXIBLE ACCOMMODATION OVER THREE FLOORS
Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac

- ◆ Reception hall and cloakroom
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Fitted breakfast kitchen and utility
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Ensuite shower room
- ◆ Family bathroom
- ◆ Garage and gardens
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ EPC rating B (81)

£240,000 FREEHOLD

3 SAREDON ROAD, CHESLYN HAY

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE Located In A Popular Residential Area Of This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Village

- ◆ Lounge and dining room
- ◆ Refitted kitchen
- ◆ Study/snug and utility
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Family bathroom
- ◆ Built on garage
- ◆ Well stocked private gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating D (64)

£269,950 FREEHOLD

47 SANDY LANE, CANNOCK

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSELocated In Much Sought After Residential Area Close To The Shoal Hill District Of Cannock Chase And Overlooking Greenbelt Farmland To The Front

- ◆ Lounge/dining area
- ◆ Double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Lobby and shower room with WC
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted bathroom
- ◆ Integral garage (limited length)
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating E (47)

£226,950 FREEHOLD

14 BRINDLEY BANK ROAD, RUGELEY

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW
Located in Popular Cul-De-Sac

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Ensuite shower room
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gardens and off road parking
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating B (81)

£215,000 FREEHOLD

11A QUEEN STREET, HIGHTOWN, HEDNESFORD

WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSELocated In Very Convenient Popular Position Close To Facilities and Railway Station at Hednesford Town Centre

- ◆ Reception hall and cloakroom with WC
- ◆ Double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Refitted breakfast kitchen and utility room
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Ensuite shower room and refitted bathroom
- ◆ Lounge and dining room
- ◆ Integral garage and well stocked gardens
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ EPC rating D (68)

£245,000 FREEHOLD

COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

TO LET

FARM SHOP, BLITHBURY ROAD, RUGELEY

- ❖PROMINENTLY LOCATED NEW BUILD WITH PLANNING PERMISSION FOR FARM SHOP & ANCILLARY USE
- ❖RETAIL - 45.21m² or THEREABOUTS
- ❖ANCILLARY - 67.09m² or THEREABOUTS
- ❖DEDICATED CAR PARKING SPACE
- ❖CLOSE TO RUGELEY TOWN CENTRE

£13,950 P.A.X plus VAT

TO LET

25 BURNTWOOD ROAD, NORTON CANES

- ❖PROMINENTLY LOCATED VILLAGE CENTRE RETAIL PREMISES TO LET ON LEASE
- ❖PEDESTRIAN ACCESS FRONT AND REAR
- ❖SOME CAR PARKING AVAILABLE
- ❖205.85M² (2.215FT²) OR THEREABOUTS

£16,500 PER ANNUM

7 LOVATT PLACE, CANNOCK

THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac Convenient For Facilities at the Town Centre

- ◆ Lounge & dining area
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Ensuite shower room
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Garage
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating C (72)

£146,950

14 KING CUP DRIVE, HUNTINGTON

WELL EQUIPPED 4 BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE OFFERING SPACIOUS FLEXIBLE ACCOMMODATION ARRANGE ON THREE FLOORS WITH SCHOOL GROUNDS TO REARConveniently Located For Local Facilities
and Access to Cannock Town Centre and Cannock Chase

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Open plan kitchen/dining/family room
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Ensuite shower room
- ◆ Family bathroom
- ◆ Built on garage and extensive off road parking
- ◆ Gardens and school grounds to rear
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating B (82)

£228,950 FREEHOLD

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8% + VAT MANAGEMENT FEE

Subject to Set-up Fee of £250 inc Vat

No Let - No Fee - No Hidden Extras

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15 BURGOYNE STREET, CANNOCK

WELL APPOINTED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen & utility room
- Ground floor shower room
- Four double bedrooms
- En-suite shower room & family bathroom
- Integral garage
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers, DSS or sharers
- EPC rating: D (66)

£1050pcm

6 LOVE LANE PARK HOMES, LOVE LANE, RUGELEY

NEWLY REFURBISHED ONE BEDROOM PARK HOME SITUATED IN WELL MAINTAINED PARK HOME DEVELOPMENT Convenient For Facilities Locally

- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Shower room
- Bedroom
- Off road parking
- Gardens & decked terrace
- LPG central heating
- Fully double glazed
- For persons aged 50 and over
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers

£435.00 pcm

11 VICTORIA TERRACE, NORTH STREET, BRIDGTOWN

WELL EQUIPPED SPACIOUS SECOND FLOOR FLAT Convenient For Transport Links & Local Facilities

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Allocated secure parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: tbc

£525pcm

50 GLADSTONE ROAD, HEATH HAYES

WELL PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Two bedrooms
- Shower room
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Detached garage
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (66)

£695pcm

44 BROOK LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Separate WC
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry n pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating C (71)

£495pcm

2 MILL PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION Situated On The Picturesque Rural Estate of Teddesley Park

- Lounge
- Fitted dining kitchen
- Inner hall
- Two double bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Oil fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Commual grounds and parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS allowed
- EPC rating C (77)

£685pcm

75C HIGH STREET, CHESLYN HAY

ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Sorry no pets or smokers
- EPC rating: E (48)

£395pcm

282 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL MAINTAINED THREE/FOUR BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Enclosed porch & reception hall
- Lounge
- Dining room/bedroom 4
- Refitted kitchen
- Inner lobby & guest cloakroom with WC
- Three bedrooms & refitted bathroom
- Fully double glazed & gas central heating
- Garden & off road parking
- Sorry No DSS, smokers or pets allowed
- EPC rating D (65)

£650pcm

9A COPPICE CLOSE, CHESLYN HAY

SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW Situated At Head Of Cul-De-Sac In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Landscaped gardens
- Carport & extensive off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (64)

£800pcm

APARTMENT 4 MANOR COURT, 7A TANHOUSE FARM ROAD, SOLIHULL

WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT
Conveniently Located In Much Sought After Residential Area

- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Allocated parking space
- Electric heating
- Fully double glazed
- Communal grounds
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS
- EPC rating: C (73)

£625pcm

5 BEECH TREE COURT, BEECH TREE LANE, CANNOCK

TWO BEDROOM SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT LOCATED IN POPULAR DEVELOPMENT
Convenient For Facilities at the Town Centre

- Communal hall, stairs and landing
- Entrance hall
- Lounge ◆ Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating & fully double glazed
- Security phone intercom & allocated parking
- No DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating C (79)

£495pcm

14 THE FORGE, NORTH STREET, BRIDGTOWN

SPACIOUS NEWLY RENOVATED TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT Located In Gated Development Convenient For Local Facilities And Transport Links

- Communal hall, stairs & landing
- Copen plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Shower room
- Fully double glazed
- Electric heating
- Allocated parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: tbc

£525pcm

12 SAM BARBER COURT, HEATH HAYES

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Refitted kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Economy 7 electric heating
- Fuilly double glazed
- Communal grounds & allocated parking
- Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- EPC rating D (68)

£465pcm

6 BADGERS WAY, HEATH HAYES

THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Shower room
- Built-on garage
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- EPC rating: D (60)

£600pcm

8 WATERSMEAD CLOSE, WIMBLEBURY

WELL MAINTAINED TWO BEDROOMED MID MEWS HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Newly installed kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Gardens
- Parking space
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating C (75)

£600 pcm

1 FOUNTAIN COURT, TEDDESLEY PARK, PENKRIDGE

SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Situated on the Picturesque Rural Estate of Teddesley Park

- Fitted dining kitchen
- Lounge ◆ Inner Hall
- Two double bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Communal landscaped gardens
- Oil fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry No pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating C (69)

£615pcm

56 DARTMOUTH ROAD, CANNOCK

TWO BEDROOMED END MEWS HOUSE
Conveniently Located For Facilities at the Town Centre

- Entrance hall
- Sitting room and living room
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating & all windows are double glazed
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating D (61)

£525 pcm

75A HIGH STREET, CHESLYN HAY

ONE BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Electric heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (63)

£395pcm

7 FOUNTAIN COURT, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

ONE BEDROOM SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Located on the Picturesque Estate of Teddesley Park

- Fitted kitchen
- Lounge
- Inner hall
- Double bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed & Oil fired central heating
- Communal grounds
- Communal parking
- Sorry no DSS, smokers or pets
- EPC rating D (68)

£495.00 pcm

THE LODGE, LOVE LANE PARK HOMES, RUGELEY

EXTREMELY WELL APPOINTED ONE BEDROOM LODGE Situated In This Well Maintained Park Home Development Convenient For Facilities Locally

- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Sauna
- Electric heating
- Double glazed
- Gardens & decked terrace
- For persons aged 50 & over
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS
- EPC rating: N/A

£500pcm

1C CANNOCK ROAD, BURNTWOOD

WELL PRESENTED ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT Convenient For Local Facilities

- Entrance lobby
- Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (67)

£450pcm

3 BROMLEY CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

WELL APPOINTED TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSELocated In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no smokers, pets, DSS or sharers
- EPC rating: tbc

£550pcm

232 HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED AND PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM MID MEWS HOUSE

- Cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Gardens & off road parking to the rear
- Sorry no pets, smokers, DSS or sharers
- EPC rating: tbc

£595pcm

NO.4 SANDY COURT, 3 SANDY LANE, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED LUXURY TWO BEDROOMED GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT Located In Much Sought After Development In The Shoal Hill District Of The Town Adjoining Cannock Chase

- Lounge/dining/kitchen area
- Two double bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Luxury bathroom
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Security gated access
- Intruder alarm
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: C (79)

£695pcm

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Bursnips Road
ESSINGTON

Lovingly restored five bedroom grade II listed detached cottage / Situated on approximately two acres of land / Retained many of its original features

£950,000

Goldhayfields Farm
RUGELEY

Five bedroom detached farmhouse / Breakfast kitchen / Five double bedrooms / Separate utility area / Large en-suite / EPC: F

£650,000

The Old Rectory
RUGELEY

Immaculately Presented Five Bedroom Barn Style Property / Sought After Village Location / Spacious Reception & Bedrooms / Delightful Countryside Views / High Spec Kitchen With Integrated Appliances

Offers in the Region Of £425,000

Chaseley Road
RUGELEY

Four bed luxury detached house / Kitchen-breakfast area / Integral garage / En-suite to master / Block drive for several vehicles

£419,950

Prospect Manor Court
HEDNESFORD

Spacious detached family home with four double bedrooms / Open plan breakfast kitchen / Useful study room / Detached double garage and driveway / Good sized private rear garden

£375,000

Wood Lane
CANNOCK

Impressive five bedroom detached dormer style house / Tastefully decorated throughout / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Large reception style conservatory / Detached garage / Drive for

Offers in the Region Of £345,000

Sweetbriar Way
HEATH HAYES

Immaculately presented four bedroom detached house / Set on a large plot with double garage, large rear garden and 6 car driveway / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation

£325,000

Brereton Manor Court
BRERETON

Well presented four bedroom detached house / Sought after cul-de-sac location / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Open plan breakfast kitchen / Good sized private rear garden / Driveway

£300,000

St Christopher Close
RAWNSLEY

Immaculately presented four bedroom detached family home / Enivable corner plot in quiet cul-de-sac / Tastefully decorated & finished to high modern standard / Driveway for up to six vehicles /

£295,000

Kingscroft
WIMBLEBURY

Well presented four bedroom detached house / Good sized corner plot down a quiet cul-de-sac / Superb open plan lounge-diner ideal for entertaining / Modern fitted breakfast kitchen

£286,000

Red Lion Lane
NORTON CANES

Four bedroom detached family home / Large plot with a segregated rear courtyard / Modern fitted dining kitchen with a high specification finish

Offers in the Region Of £270,000

Colliers Way
HUNTINGTON

Immaculately Presented Five Bedroom Detached House / Set Over Three Storeys / Five Double Bedrooms / Driveway With Ample Parking / Single Garage / Modern Open Plan Kitchen-Diner

£267,500

Thistledown Drive
HEATH HAYES

Well presented four bedroom detached house / Finished to high standard / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Open plan breakfast kitchen / Re-fitted en-suite / Private rear garden

Offers in Excess of £260,000

Clover Meadows
HEATH HAYES

Well presented four bedroom detached house / Large plot at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac / Private South facing rear garden / Spacious lounge & open plan L shaped dining kitchen

Offers in the Region Of £250,000

Bower Lane
ETCHING HILL

Charming two/thee bedroom character property built in the 1800s / Potential building plot / Sought after semi rural location / Quadruple garage

£250,000

Wells Close
RUGELEY

Four Bedroom Detached House / Stunning Views Of Cannock Chase / Good Sized Private Rear Garden / Modern Breakfast Kitchen With NEFF Appliances / Driveway For Two Vehicles

£245,000

Oaken Hurst Avenue
HAWKSYARD

Four bedroom detached house / Set on large corner plot in a sought after area / Spacious living and sleeping accommodation set over three floors / Three double bedrooms and one single

£240,000

Marigold Close
HEATH HAYES

Well presented three bedroom detached house / Set down sought after cul-de-sac / Open plan lounge / Modern fitted breakfast kitchen / South facing private rear garden with conservatory / En-suite to

£230,000

Rowan Close
HUNTINGTON

Four bedroom detached family home / Spacious lounge & open plan kitchen-diner / Set on a good sized corner plot / Private rear garden / NHBC guarantee

Offers in Excess of £220,000

Lupin Drive
HUNTINGTON

Well presented four bedroom town house / Spacious living and sleeping accommodation / Modern fitted breakfast kitchen / Victorian conservatory

Offers in the Region Of £210,000

Green Heath Road
HEDNESFORD

Charming three bedroom character property / Spacious reception rooms and bedrooms / Double garage-workshop plus driveway / Stylish modern re-fitted kitchen and re-fitted bathroom

£210,000

Rudyard Way
BRIDGTOWN

Well presented three bedroom semi detached house / Spacious lounge-diner / Modern fitted kitchen / Good sized bedrooms / Private rear garden / NHBC guarantee / Integral garage & off road parking

£210,000

Ansty Drive
HEATH HAYES

Three bedroom detached house / Well established and sought after residential area / Larger than normal end plot / Good sized lounge

£200,000

Langtree Close
HEATH HAYES

Two bedroom detached bungalow / quiet cul-de-sac / ●●●NO ONWARD CHAIN●●● / quiet cul-de-sac / two double bedrooms Detached garage / Good sized rubber mac driveway with parking for

£190,000

Grange Road
NORTON CANES

Three bedroom semi detached house / Quiet cul-de-sac / Short walk away from Chasewater / Spacious living and sleeping accommodation / Open plan kitchen-diner

£190,000

Chapel Street
HEATH HAYES

Deceptively spacious five bedroom semi-detached house / Set over three floors / Large plot / Double garage / Spacious reception rooms

£185,000

Walsall Road
GREAT WYRLEY

Traditional three bedroom semi detached house / NO ONWARD CHAIN & VACANT POSSESSION / Set back from main road / Good sized front lawn & four car driveway / Extended breakfast kitchen to rear

£180,000

Strauss Drive
HEATH HAYES

Well presented three storey town house / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Modern fitted kitchen & bathroom / Victorian conservatory / Private rear garden / Driveway, providing off road

Offers in Excess of £180,000

Glenthorne Drive
GREAT WYRLEY

Three bedroom semi detached house / Open plan lounge-diner / Fitted kitchen with separate breakfast room / Modern conservatory / Good sized private landscaped rear garden / Integral garage &

Offers in the Region Of £176,000

Somerset Avenue
RUGELEY

Immaculately presented three bedroom semi detached house / Tastefully decorated and finished to a high standard / Welcoming reception hallway / Superb new fitted modern kitchen

£175,000

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Grouse Way
HEATH HAYES

Three Bedroom Semi Detached House / Spacious Lounge-Diner / Modern Breakfast Kitchen / En-Suite To Master Bedroom / Private Rear Garden / Driveway For Three Vehicles.

Offers in the Region Of £170,000

Windsor Close
RUGELEY

Well presented three bedroom town house / Set over three floors / Three double bedrooms / Two separate bathrooms / Good sized open plan lounge-diner / Private rear garden / Parking for two vehicles

Offers in Excess of £165,000

Harrow Close
BRERETON

Three bedroom detached house / Modern fitted kitchen & bathroom / NHBC guarantee with 3-4 years remaining / Tastefully decorated lounge-diner,

Offers in Excess of £160,000

Mill Crescent
HEATH HAYES

Well presented three bedroom semi detached house / Quiet sought after cul-de-sac / Modern fitted open plan dining kitchen / Driveway with parking for three vehicles

£150,000

Marconi Place
HEDNESFORD

Three bedroom semi detached house / ●●●APPROVED PLANNING PERMISSION FOR SUBSTANTIAL EXTENSION●●● / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Good sized private rear garden

Offers in Excess of £150,000

Chapel Street
HEATH HAYES

Semi detached character property / Large rear garden ideal for entertaining / Modern breakfast kitchen and bathroom / Two double bedrooms with w/c to the master

£140,000

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THE SAVINGS YOU WILL MAKE

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£105,000	£2,268	£997	£1,271
£150,000	£3,240	£1,425	£1,815
£200,000	£4,320	£1,900	£2,420
£300,000	£6,480	£2,860	£3,630
£500,000	£10,800	£4,760	£6,050

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Pinewood Avenue
CANNOCK

Three bedroom semi detached house / Spacious open plan lounge-diner / Modern fitted kitchen and bathroom / Oversized garage and driveway providing off road parking

£135,000

Station Street
CHESLYN HAY

Two bedroom end terraced house / Two spacious reception rooms / Modern fitted shower room / Good sized & charming private rear garden / Cellar

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Guide Price £100,000

Apple Walk
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£85,000

Park Road
TOWN CENTRE - CANNOCK

Second floor apartment / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Ideal for first time buyers / Allocated parking for one vehicle / EPC: C

Offers in Excess of £80,000

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3 1 1 EPC D
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3 2 1 EPC D
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3 1 1 EPC D
£179,995

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£148,000

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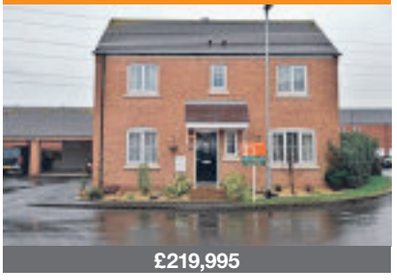

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• Immaculate Detached House • Three Bedrooms
• Lounge & Conservatory • Carport & Corner Plot Position
• En suite Shower Room
• EPC = C

Hartlebury Close Heath Hayes

£260,000

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• Breakfast Kitchen • Ensuite To Master
• Two Reception Rooms • EPC = C

Whitby Way Cannock

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• Three Bedroom Semi Detached House • Living Room
• Breakfast Kitchen • Front & Rear Gardens
• Off Road Parking • EPC = D

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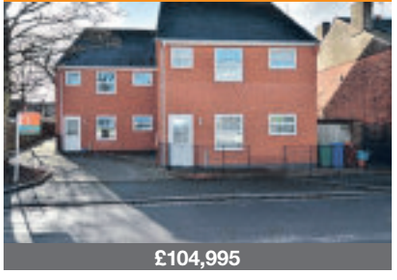

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• Must Be Viewed • EPC = B

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Kitchen	EPC C

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First Floor Flat	Allocated Parking
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Exceptionally Presented	EPC C

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One Bedroom	Bathroom
Kitchen	EPC B

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Ground Floor Flat	Lounge
One Bedroom	Allocated Parking
Kitchen	EPC D

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TWO BEDROOMS		

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Semi Detached Property	Lounge
Two Bedrooms	Rear Garden
Kitchen	EPC D

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Detached Property	Lounge
Three Bedrooms	Garage
Kitchen	EPC C

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Semi Detached Property	Extension to Rear
Three Double Bedrooms	Quiet Corner Plot
Luxury Kitchen	EPC D

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Semi Detached Bungalow	Kitchen
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Lounge	EPC C

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Two Bedrooms	Courtyard
Re Fitted Kitchen	EPC E

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Well Presented Family Home	En Suite
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Lounge	EPC C

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Detached Property	En Suite
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Kitchen / Diner	EPC B

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Bungalow	Kitchen
Two Bedrooms	Garage
Lounge / Diner	Awaiting EPC

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Semi Detached Property	Garage
Four Bedrooms	Rear Garden
Kitchen / Diner	EPC B

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Two Bedrooms	Garage
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NEW

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Four Bedrooms	Garage
Lounge / Dining Room	EPC D

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Detached Property	Conservatory
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Lounge	EPC C

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- Garage and driveway
- EPC rating C

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- Rear yard
- Of road parking
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- Fitted Bathroom
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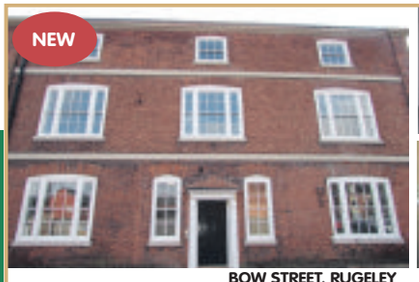

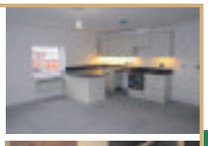

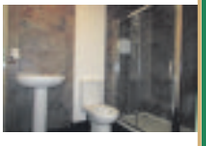

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BOW STREET
RUGELEY

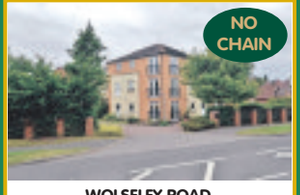
Two recently refurbished well presented, refurbished semi-detached properties comprising of open plan Lounge/Kitchen with some appliances, Two Bedrooms and Shower Room. Patio area at rear. On road parking. VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. NO DSS. NO PETS. NO SMOKING. EPC Rating - TBC
DEPOSIT £795

£575 pcm

ANEURIN BEVAN PLACE
RUGELEY

Mid terraced property with detached garage to rear. Accommodation comprises Through Hallyway, spacious Lounge, re-fitted Kitchen, Separate re-fitted WC and Bathroom, Three good sized bedrooms. Benefitting from Gas Central Heating and additional parking to rear. Gardens. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. PETS CONSIDERED.
DEPOSIT £760

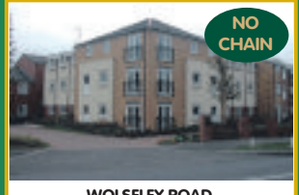
£550 pcm



WOLSELEY ROAD
RUGELEY

A modern ground floor apartment in a purpose built development located within walking distance to the town centre and local amenities and offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. UPVC Double Glazing and Electric Heating. Communal Entrance Hall, Entrance Hall, Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, En-suite Shower Room plus Bathroom. Allocated Parking. EPC RATING - D

£115,000



WOLSELEY ROAD
RUGELEY

A modern second floor apartment within walking distance to the town centre offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN . Electric Heating and Double Glazing. Communal Entrance Hall, Second Floor Landing. Reception Hall, Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen, Master with En-Suite Shower Room, One Further Bedroom plus Bathroom. Allocated Parking. Viewing Recommended. EPC Rating - E

£117,500

HEDNESFORD ROAD
RUGELEY

A modern ground floor apartment in a purpose built development located within walking distance to local amenities and is offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. En-suite to Master Bedroom. Security Entrance System. Allocated Parking. EPC RATING - C

£120,000

CHAPEL MEWS
BLACKFORDS, CANNOCK

Well presented first floor flat comprising of Entrance Hall, open plan Lounge/Kitchen, One spacious double Bedroom and Shower Room. Electric Heating and Double Glazing. A number of energy saving improvements have been made to the property. Off Road Parking. Communal area at rear.
NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. NO DSS. DEPOSIT £623

£450 pcm

KEYSTONE MEWS
RUGELEY

First floor flat comprising of Lounge, Kitchen, one double Bedroom and Bathroom. Electric Heating. Allocated Parking NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC rating C
DEPOSIT £588

£425 pcm

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HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD,

- One Bed Flat
- Lounge, Kitchen
- One Bedroom
- Bathroom, DG
- Electric Heating
- Parking to Rear
- Energy Rating E
- No DSS or Pets

£350 pcm

GLOVERS HILL COURT, BRERETON

- 2 bed 1st fl flat
- Lounge/diner, Kitchen,
- Bathroom, parking
- Energy rating B
- No DSS or Pets

£575 pcm

OLD PENKRIDGE MEWS, CANNOCK

Town Centre
Fully Refurbished
2 Bed End Terraced
Lounge, Kitchen
Conservatory
Allocated Parking
Energy Rating D
NO DSS OR PETS

£575 pcm

HORSESHOE DRIVE, WIMBLEBURY

- 2 Bed Mid Town House
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Guest WC
- GCH/DG
- Allocated Parking
- Energy rating B
- NO DSS/PETS.

£575 pcm

BARLEY CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

- 2 Bed End Terrace
- Lounge/Kitchen
- GCH/DG
- Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating D
- No DSS/Pets

£595 pcm

BOND WAY, HEDNESFORD

- 2 Bed Semi Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen-Diner
- GCH/DG
- Gardens
- Energy Rating C
- No DSS/Pets

£595 pcm

BOW STREET, RUGELEY

- Town Centre
- Three Bed Mid
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Energy Rating E
- NO DSS OR PETS

£595 pcm

BROMLEY CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

- 3 Bed End
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Guest WC
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Gardens & Parking
- EPC Pending
- NO DSS OR PETS

£625 pcm

FARM CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

- Two Bed Semi
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Gardens
- Drive, Garage
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS OR PETS

£650 pcm

LANGHOLM DRIVE, HEATH HAYES

- Three Bed Link
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Shower Room
- GCH, DG
- Gardens, Garage
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS OR PETS

£750 pcm

STEPHENSON WAY, HEDNESFORD

- Landlords Only-Sold With Sitting Tenant
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Lounge-Diner
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Energy Rating D
- GCH/DG
- Parking & Communal Gardens

£89,950

HEDNESFORD ROAD, CANNOCK

- A Well Presented Mid Terrace House
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom
- Three Bedrooms
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Parking At Rear
- Town Centre Location

Fixed Price £100,000

BELT ROAD, HEDNESFORD

- Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Spacious Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen-Diner
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Fitted Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Driveway

£112,000

WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK

- A Well Presented Semi Det House
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Utility Area & Guest WC
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Town Centre Location

£119,950 No Chain

HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD, CANNOCK

- A Spacious Semi Detached House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Parking at Rear
- Gardens

£125,000 No Chain

FOXES RAKE, CANNOCK

NEWLY AVAILABLE

- A well presented semi detached house
- GCH & DG
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Driveway

£130,000

HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD, CANNOCK

- A Spacious Semi Det House
- Entrance Hall & Guest WC
- Modern Kitchen
- Lounge-Diner
- Conservatory
- Two/Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Gardens & Driveway

£135,000 No Chain

WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK

- A traditional Well Presented Semi Det
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility/ Guest WC
- Three Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Rear Garden
- Town Centre Location

£135,000

PEBBLE MILL COURT, CANNOCK

- Well Presented Ground Floor Flat
- Spacious Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Shower Room
- Parking & Garage
- Communal Gardens
- Ideal Location

£145,000

MAYCROFT CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

- A Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Conservatory, Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Good Sized Rear Garden
- Garage/ Utility Area, Double Width Driveway
- Viewing Recommended

£165,000

PYE GREEN ROAD, CANNOCK

- Extended and Much Improved Bungalow
- Reception Hall & Family Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen, Utility Area
- Impressive Conservatory
- Two Double Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Driveway & Gardens

£169,995

HILLSIDE CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

- Spacious Semi Detached
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Kitchen & Family Room
- Ground Floor Bedroom/ Ensuite Shower
- Four Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Master with Dressing Room/Study
- Driveway & Rear Garden

£199,995

KNIGHTON ROAD, WIMBLEBURY

VIEWING ESSENTIAL

- A Well Presented Link Detached House
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Extended Kitchen, Four Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Family Bathroom
- Garage & Driveway
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Open Aspect to Side & Rear
- No Upward Chain

£225,000

DAISY BANK, HEDNESFORD

- Immaculately Presented Detached Property
- Hallway, Guest WC
- Family Room, Lounge, Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Re-Fitted Kitchen & Utility
- Four Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Driveway & Gardens

£249,950

ROBINS CROFT, HEATH HAYES

- An Executive Double Fronted Detached Family Residence Situated a Good Sized Plot
- Imposing Reception Hallway, Guest WC
- Study, Lounge, Delightful Dining Room
- Spacious Breakfast Kitchen
- Four Good Sized Bedrooms, Two En-Suite Shower Rooms
- Family Bathroom, Double Detached Garage
- Good Sized Front and Rear Gardens

£389,950

SWEETBRIAR WAY, WIMBLEBURY

- A Beautifully Presented Detached House
- Sought After Residential Location
- Reception Hallway/Guest WC
- Re-Fitted Kitchen, Lounge & Dining Room
- Four Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Ensuite
- Family Bathroom
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Garage & Driveway- Ample Parking

£254,995

OLD HEDNESFORD ROAD, CANNOCK

- A Fully Refurbished Detached Family Residence Situated on a Good Sized Corner Plot.
- Reception Hall, Guest WC
- Lounge, Impressive Kitchen/ Diner, Utility
- Spacious Master Bedroom with Imposing En-Suite
- Four Further Bedrooms, Superb Family Bathroom
- Integral Garage, Detached Garage at Rear, Driveway
- Established Front, Side & Rear Gardens

£365,000

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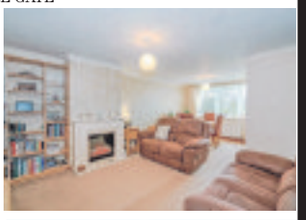
SHOAL HILL
PASTURE GATE

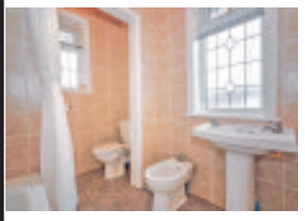


- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Entrance Hallway,
- Kitchen,
- Lounge Diner,
- Refitted Bathroom,
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Gardens
- Detached Single Garage,
- Quiet cul-de-sac
- Close to Shoal Hill Common.

£189,950

NEW

GREAT WYRLEY
STATION ROAD



- Traditional Detached
- Many Original Features
- 1 Bed Annex
- 3 Reception Rooms
- 4 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Large Rear Garden
- Garage & Driveway

£380,000

NEW

HEATH HAYES
ANSTY DRIVE

- Extended Semi Detached
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Extended Kitchen
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Parking
- FREEHOLD ON COMPLETION

£140,000

NEW

HUNTINGTON
THE FIRS

- Double Unit
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Driveway
- Gardens

£77,500

NEW

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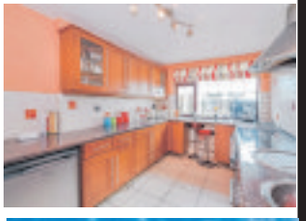
HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD



- Extended Detached
- Lounge, Conservatory
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Study, WC
- 3 Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom, Ensuite
- Mature Rear Garden
- Garage
- Ample Parking

£239,995

NEW

NORTON CANES
CHAPEL STREET

- Entrance Porch
- Entrance Hallway,
- Two Double Bedrooms,
- Family Bathroom,
- Spacious lounge
- Conservatory
- Mature Well Stocked Garden,
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility Room.
- Blocked Paved Driveway and Garage,

OFFERS OVER £220,000

NEW

CHESLYN HAY
MOUNT PLEASANT

- 3 Bed Semi
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Garage
- Driveway
- Viewing Recommended

£179,950

NEW

CHURCHBRIDGE
LUCAS RISE

- Detached Family Home
- Through Hallway, WC
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Stunning Breakfast Kitchen
- 4 Bedrooms, Ensuite
- Family Bathroom
- Detached Garage
- Viewing Essential

£265,000

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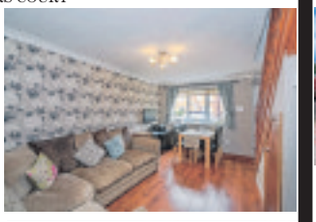

- Semi Detached
- Entrance Porch,
- Spacious Lounge Diner
- Kitchen Diner.
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Refitted Family Bathroom,
- Rear Garden
- Driveway

Offers Over £130,000

CHESLYN HAY
WESTBOURNE AVENUE

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Property Address: 55 Westbourne Avenue Cheslyn Hay WS6 7DF
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Agents Telephone Number: 01543 468846

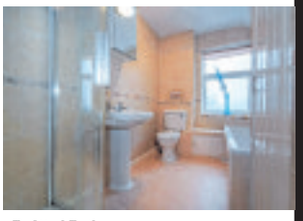
£157,950

HEATH HAYES
CHARTERFIELD DRIVE

- Corner plot
- 3 Bed Detached
- Lounge
- Extended Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Garage Conversion
- Garden
- NO CHAIN

£209,950

CANNOCK
HEATH GAP ROAD



- Traditional Semi
- Porch, WC
- Lounge/Diner
- Refitted Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Large Rear Garden
- Viewing Essential

£135,000

CHURCHBRIDGE
FORGE CLOSE

- Entrance Hallway,
- Guest WC,
- Dining Room
- Spacious Kitchen Diner
- 1st Floor Lounge
- Bedroom Three,
- Master Bedroom

OFFERS OVER £170,000

CANNOCK
ULLSWATER PLACE

- Spacious Detached
- Through Hallway, WC
- Dining Room.
- Lounge/Diner
- Study Area
- Refitted Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms.

£239,950

CANNOCK
WELLINGTON DRIVE

- Detached Bunglow
- Sought After Location
- Hallway, Kitchen
- Lounge, Study
- 2/3 Bedrooms
- Garage
- Landscaped Garden

£259,950

HEATH HAYES
CHESTNUT CLOSE

- Modern Town House
- Lounge
- Conservatory
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Parking

£129,950

BRIDGTOWN
WATERBROOK WAY

- Modern Starter Home
- Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Parking
- Rear Garden

£125,000

HEDNESFORD
ST.FRANCIS CLOSE

- 4 Bed Detached
- Hall, Guests WC
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Utility
- Conservatory
- Bathroom
- En-Suite

£279,950

HEATH HAYES
LANGTREE CLOSE

- Link Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Utility, Shower Room
- 4/5 Bedrooms
- Driveway
- Gardens

£215,000

HEDNESFORD
DAISY BANK

- Detached House
- Porch,Entrance Hallway,
- lounge, Dining Room,
- Sitting Room. Guest WC.
- Conservatory, Refitted Kitchen
- Utility Room.
- Four Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom.

£255,000

HEDNESFORD
HERONDALE

- Ground Floor
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Garden
- Parking

£74,950

RAWNSLEY
RAWNSLEY ROAD

- Traditional Terrace
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Kitchen, Utility
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Large Rear Garden
- Hednesford Hills

£112,500

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Park Street, Bridgetown
Offers Over £95,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this two bedroom mid terrace property located in Cannock. The property briefly comprises of lounge, dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms and a bathroom. Externally to the rear the property has a part graveled and part paved entertaining patio area, side access to the front through neighbouring side gate. Energy rating: E.

Herondale, Hednesford
£99,950

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this two bedroom flat located in Hednesford. The property briefly comprises of lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom. Energy rating: C.

Station Road, Hednesford
£150,000 2 Flats For Sale - Investors

Ideal for investors this detached property comprises of two apartments. Connells Estate Agents have for sale this chain free property which includes a ground floor apartment and first floor apartment, situated near to Hednesford Station, ideal for commuters. The ground floor apartment briefly comprises of entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen / diner, two bedrooms and a bathroom. Both apartments have been refurbished to a good standard and would make a great investment opportunity. Energy rating: D

Sutherland Road, Cheslyn Hay
£159,950

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom semi-detached property located in Cheslyn Hay. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, porch, lounge / diner, kitchen, sun lounge, three bedrooms, bathroom and garage. Energy rating: C.

Keats Avenue, Cannock
£165,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this two bedroom semi-detahced property located in Cannock. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge, kitchen / breakfast area, rear hall, work room / storage, inner hall, downstairs bathroom, family room, two bedrooms, loft storage area and garage. Energy rating: awaited.

Rudyard Way, Bridgetown
£185,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom end-terrace house which is only approximately three years old and has been finished to a very high standard. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, downstairs WC, family lounge, modern fitted kitchen with large dining area and understairs cupboard. On the first floor there are three bedrooms; the master bedroom being surprisingly large and has an en-suite, there is also a family bathroom. Externally to the front there is a large driveway providing parking for multiple cars which leads to a detached garage. In the rear garden the lawn has been replaced with astro turf. Energy rating: C.

Pye Green Road, Cannock
£215,000

This extended and spacious detached bungalow offers flexible accommodation. The property is located close to Cannock Chase and the market town of Cannock and also commuter links of M6 Toll, M6 and M54. The bungalow, offers entrance hall, lounge/ diner, open plan kitchen/ sunroom, 3 bedrooms, en suite and bathroom. Outside to the front there is a block paved driveway for several cars, flower borders and a garage and low maintenance gardens to the rear. Energy rating: E

Comfrey Close, Huntington
£220,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this four bedroom semi-detached house located in Huntington near to schools, shops and transport links. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, downstairs wc, modern fitted kitchen, family lounge, four bedrooms all of a good size and the master having en-suite, modern fitted bathroom, driveway providing off road parking as well as an additional graveled driveway for further parking and garage. Energy rating: C

Walsall Road, Cannock
£225,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom detached property located in Cannock. The property briefly comprises of entrance porch way, lounge, reception room 2, conservatory, kitchen, downstairs WC, three bedrooms, bathroom, loft room, drive through garage, workshop, further garage, driveway providing off road parking for multiple vehicles and rear garden. The property has period solid wood doors fitted throughout. Energy rating: awaited.

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Sunfield Road, Cannock
£249,950

●●●Offered with NO CHAIN●●● Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this four bedroom detached house located in Cannock. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, downstairs WC, lounge, kitchen / diner, conservatory, four bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking and garage.
Energy rating: D.

Condor Grove, Heath Hayes, NOW AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING
£255,000

Internal inspection is highly recommended on this tastefully decorated, well maintained detached family residence, set in a corner plot of a cul-de-sac the property comprises of entrance porch to hall, lounge, dining area, study, kitchen, utility, conservatory, guest cloaks, four bedrooms and family bathroom, private attractive rear gardens and to the front is ample off road parking with gardens and garage. Energy Rating: D.

Fremantle Drive, Heath Hayes
£285,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this five bedroom detached house situated in Wimbelbury. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, downstairs wc, family lounge, separate dining room, modern fitted kitchen, utility room and conservatory. On the first floor the property comprises of a landing, family bathroom with wash hand basin and WC, five bedrooms all of a good size and the master benefiting from having an en-suite and one of the rooms currently used as a study. To the front there is a shared access driveway which provides parking for multiple cars, and to the rear there is a entertaining patio area and separate lawn area.
Energy rating: awaited.

Poplar Lane, Cannock
£270,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom detached bungalow located in Cannock. The property briefly comprises of entrance porch, hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, rear entrance hall, three bedrooms, bathroom and garage. Energy rating: E..

Bentons Lane, WITH LAND
£320,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom detached house located in Great Wyrley. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge, 2nd reception room, modern fitted kitchen, utility room, conservatory, three bedrooms, bathroom and loft room with sky light windows and lighting. Externally there is a long winding graveled driveway providing parking for several vehicles, with adjacent land to the side that has planning permission for a seperate three bedroom detached dwelling. Energy rating: awaited.

Francis Green Lane, Penkridge
£349,950

This is your chance to purchase a detached property in an oustanding position in Penkridge. The property stands in one of the most desirable roads and is quite deceptive as from the front you wouldn't believe that the property briefly comprises of a grand entrance hall, lounge, extended dining room, kitchen/diner, study, large utility room, downstairs WC and garage whilst upstairs you have three double bedrooms, master with en-suite shower room, family bathroom, large walk in cupboard as well as a further airing cupboard. Externally you have a pleasant, low maintenance rear garden which is currently all patio and gravel beds however the potential for a large lawn area is there. To the front you have a large block paved driveway and a front garden. Energy rating: E

Littleworth Hill, Hednesford
£390,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this four bedroom detached property located in Hednesford. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge, dining area, cloakroom / study, kitchen, utility room, downstairs WC, four bedrooms - master bedroom having en-suite and walk in wardrobe, bathroom and an annex with lounge / kitchen diner, kitchen, wet room, two bedrooms and storage areas.
Energy rating: D.

Rosewood Park, Cheslyn Hay
£450,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this EIGHT BEDROOM detached house in the village of Cheslyn Hay close to schools, local amenities and transport links including the train station of which is all walking distance. The property boasts from having a huge amount of living space and generous accommodation throughout, this property would suit any growing family or any family merging together. The property comprises of porch, hallway, downstairs WC, 21 FOOT LOUNGE, dining room, kitchen, breakfast room, utility room. With a total of 8 BEDROOMS and 4 EN-SUITES; the first floor has 5 bedrooms of which two bedrooms have en-suites and there is a large family bathroom. The second floor offers a further 3 bedrooms of which two have both en-suites and large walk in wardrobes, there is also a study/playroom. To the front there is a large block paved driveway as well as access to an integral double width garage. To the rear is an entertaining block paved patio area, lawn area and a pond. Energy rating: D.

Chestnut Grove, Penkridge
£475,000

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£279,995

Sandy Lane, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this good sized three bedroom family home, withing walking distance to town centre. Having Hallway, Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Utility and Downstairs Bathroom. Landing to Three Bedrooms and W.C. Gardens and Garage with off road parking to rear

£147,000

Elizabethan Way, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this five bedroom detached property, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hall, Guest W.C,Two Reception Rooms, Breakfast Kitchen and Utility.Two Bedrooms with En Suites, Three further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Drive to Garage and Garden to rear

£275,000

Eaton Drive, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to market this modern two bedroom first floor apartment, situated on a sought after estate. Having Communal Entrance, Entrance Hallway, Open plan Lounge to Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Allocated parking and Communal Gardens

£92,500

Chapelside, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this two bedroom town house, being ideal for first time buyers or investor. Accommodation having Hallway, Kitchen and Lounge, Landing to Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Allocated Parking and Garden to rear. NO UPWARD CHAIN

£117,500

St Thomas Way, Hawksyard

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom detached family home situated on the sought after Hawksyard Estate. Having Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing, Master Bedroom with En Suite, Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway and Garden. NO CHAIN

£205,000

Lower Birches Way, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this four / five bedroom detached home, in a quiet cul de sac location.Having Hallway, Guest w.c, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory, Breakfast Kitchen and Bedroom Four. Landing,Two Bedrooms with En Suite,Bedroom and Bathroom.Driveway and Garden to rear

£287,950

Lower Fufin, Hawksyard

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom semi detached home, on the sought after Hawksyard Estate, Having Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Bedroom One with En Suite,Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Parking to front and Garden to rear

£160,000 Offers Over

Delafield Way, Etching Hill

- JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom link detached family home, being close to local amenities. Having Hallway,Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Covered Carport and Store Room. Gardens to front and rear. AVAILABLE WITH NO UPWARD CHAIN

£179,950

Main Road, Brereton

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented two bedroom detached bungalow, located on a private drive. NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Hallway, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility Room, Inner Hall to Two Bedrooms and Shower Room. Good driveway to Detached Garage and Garden to rear

£242,950

Lower Birches Way, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom semi detached property, situated on a sought after development. Accommodation having Hallway, Guest w.c, Fitted Kitchen, Lounge and Conservatory. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear

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£215,995

Burnthill Lane, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this beautifully presented detached family home. Having Hallway, Guest w.c, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory, Breakfast Kitchen and Utility.Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite, Three further Bedrooms and Bathroom.Drive to Garage and Garden to rear

£245,000

Holly Bank, Hawksyard

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented two bedroom terraced home, on the sought after Hawksyard Development. Accommodation having Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Fitted Kitchen and Lounge. Landing to Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Parking to front and Garden to rear

£138,000

Pear Tree Court, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this two bedroom ground floor apartment, AVAILABLE WITH NO UPWARD CHAIN. Ideal investment property. Having Communal Reception, Hallway,Open plan Lounge to Fitted Kitchen, Master Bedroom with En Suite, Bedroom Two and Bathroom. Allocated Parking

£99,950

Chester Road, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this four bedroom detached family home, being situated in a quiet cul de sac. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest w.c, Lounge, Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen and Utility. Two Bedrooms with En Suite, Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom.Drive to Garage and Gardens

£275,000

Bagnall Way, Hawksyard

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented modern detached family home, on the Hawksyard Estate. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom,Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing, Master Bedroom with En Suite, Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom.Driveway to Garage and Garden to rear

£207,500

Heather Close, Brereton

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this two bedroom link detached bungalow, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Situated in a quiet cul de sac.Accommodation having Entrance Porch, Fitted Kitchen, Lounge, Inner Hallway,Two Bedrooms and Shower Room.Driveway to Carport/Garage and Garden to rear

£164,950

The Lindens, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom,three storey home situated in a quiet cul de sac. Having Hallway, Guest w.c, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing leading to Second Lounge, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Landing to Bedroom with En Suite. Garden and Parking

£189,950

The Lindens, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this spacious second floor one bedroom apartment in a popular location close to town. The self contained apartment has a security intercom entrance with Hallway, Lounge and Open Plan Kitchen, Bedroom and Bathroom. Allocated parking and Communal Gardens

£92,500

Pike Lane, Armitage

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom semi detached home, located in a quiet village location. Accommodation having Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room and Extended Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens and Parking to Rear. NO UPWARD CHAIN

£179,950

Hislop Road, Rugeley

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ALDRIDGE, WALSALL WOOD ROAD

- Spacious Well Presented Detached — 5
- Five Generous Bedrooms — 3
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Garage & Ample Parking — D

Great Wyrley Office - £375,000

GREAT WYRLEY, HILTON LANE

- Tastefully Extended Detached House — 4
- Generous Plot — 3
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Integral Double Garage — C

Burntwood Office - £350,000

BURNTWOOD, BOULTON CLOSE

- Executive Detached Family Home — 4
- Immaculately Presented — 2
- No Upward Chain
- Double Garage — D

Great Wyrley Office - £340,000

CHESLYN HAY, STATION STREET

- Substantial Period Semi — 4
- Oozes Charm & Character — 2
- Two Conservatories
- Superb Garden — E

Burntwood Office - £325,000

BURNTWOOD, ELDER LANE

- Impressive detached house — 4
- Kitchen, conservatory — 2
- Garage, driveway, workshops
- No upward chain — E

Burntwood Office - £300,000

BURNTWOOD, HOSPITAL ROAD

- Executive family home — 4
- Extensive rear garden — 2
- Open plan living
- Delightful views to the front — E

Burntwood Office - £270,000

HAMMERWICH, PINGLE LANE

- Superb semi-detached house — 3
- Rural village location — 2
- Countryside views
- Immaculate fitted kitchen — E

Great Wyrley Office - £250,000

CANNOCK, CHURCHBRIDGE,

- Superb Detached House — 4
- Full Width Dining Kitchen — 2
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Detached Garage — B

Great Wyrley Office - £250,000

HEDNESFORD, CORSICAN DRIVE

- Detached Residence — 4
- Corner Position — 1
- Generous Plot
- Double Garage — D

Great Wyrley Office - £220,000

GREAT WYRLEY, HILTON LANE

- Traditional Double Bay Detached — 3
- No Upward Chain — 1
- Generous Garden
- Refitted Kitchen — C

Great Wyrley Office - £169,995

GREAT WYRLEY, QUINTON AVENUE

- Semi-detached Residence — 3
- Lounge, Kitchen/Diner — 1
- Conservatory
- Playing Fields To Rear — D

Great Wyrley Office - £129,950

CHESLYN HAY, COPPICE LANE

- Mid-terraced period property — 2
- Lounge, dining room — 1
- Two Double bedrooms
- No upward chain — E

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FREE VALUATIONS

NO CHAIN

Hatherton Road, Cannock

- Detached Four Bedrooms
- Delightful Family Home
- Stunning Open Plan Kitchen
- Fully Refurbished To High Spec
- Versatile Living Space
- Garage & Extensive Gardens
- No Chain Involved

£595,000

NEW

Chenet Way, Cannock

- Immaculate Executive Home
- Stunning Kitchen
- Landscaped Gardens
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Shower Room & Ensuite Shower
- Double Garage
- Gas Central Heating System
- Utility & Guest WC

£320,000

NO CHAIN

Meriden Close, Cannock

- Detached Bungalow
- 3 Bedrooms
- Very Spacious
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Cul De Sac Location
- Garage
- No Upward Chain
- EPC - TBC

£267,500

Keys Park Road, Wimblebury

- Detached Family Home
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom & Ensuite
- Modern Kitchen & Utility
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory & Guest WC
- Large Block Paved Drive

£235,000

Short Street, Cannock

- Charming Period Style Detached Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Standing On Corner Plot
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Detached Double Garage
- Delightful Garden
- Viewing Essential

£220,000

NO CHAIN

Hopton Meadow, Heath Hayes

- Delightful Detached Home
- Stunning Dining Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms, Corner Plot
- Detached Outbuilding
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Drive, Landscaped Gardens
- EPC - D

£200,000

NO CHAIN

Ullswater Place, Cannock

- Detached Home
- Five Bedrooms
- In Need Of Modernisation
- Spacious
- Large Rear Garden
- Close To Cannock Town
- Viewing Is A Must

£210,000

NEW

New Plant Lane, Chase Terrace

- Modern Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Immaculate Condition
- Lounge/Diner
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Garage
- Enclosed Rear Garden

£189,950

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Bowers Court, Bowers Lane, Rugeley

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- Open Plan Dining Kitchen
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- High Specification
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NO CHAIN

Huntington Terrace Road, Chadsmoor

- Detached Three Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner & Guest WC
- Large Rear Garden
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- No Chain Involved
- Gas Central Heating
- Very Well Presented

£165,000

Earlswood Way, Cannock

- Modern Townhouse
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Downstairs WC
- Stylish Kitchen Diner
- Two Car Driveway
- Immaculate Condition
- Excellant Road Links Nearby

Offers Over £160,000

NO CHAIN

Nightingale Close, Huntington

- Modern Three Bedroom Semi
- Lounge & Kitchen Diner
- No Upward Chain
- South Facing Rear Garden
- Driveway to front & Side
- Energy Efficent Solar Panels
- Cul-de-sac Location

£155,000

SOLD stc

Summerside Avenue, Prospect Village

- Spacious Semi Detached House
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Three Bedrooms, Gas Central Heating System
- Lounge, Dining Room NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Kitchen, Utility, Shower Room
- Gas Central Heating System

£140,000

NO CHAIN

Walsall Road, Cannock

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Traditional Semi Detached
- Large Garden
- Secure Gated Parking
- No Upward Chain
- Open Plan Kitchen Diner

£137,000

SOLD stc

Broomhill Close, Cannock

- Semi Detached
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Kitchen
- Gas Central Heating
- No Upward Chain

£129,950

Butts Way, Norton Canes

- Semi Detached
- Three Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
- Refitted Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating

£135,000

NO CHAIN

Huntington Terrace Road, Cannock

- Two Bedroom Bungalow
- Large Garden
- Brnad New Kitchen/Diner
- Brand New Bathroom
- No Upward Chain
- Gas Central Heating

£129,950

NO CHAIN

Blake Close, Cannock

- Modern Style Town House EPC - D
- Sought After Location
- Two Bedrooms
- Ideal Investment
- Gardens & Parking
- No Chain

£115,000

SOLD stc

Cavans Wood Park, Huntington

- Park Home
- Two Bedrooms
- Modern Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Corner Plot
- Gas Central Heating

£110,000

NO CHAIN

Station Road, Hednesford

- Charming Traditional Mid Terrace
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking at Rear
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Close To Train Station

£110,000

Chase Walk, Huntington

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Spacious Living Room
- Secure Off Road Parking
- Gas Combi Central Heating

£110,000

NO CHAIN

Newhall Street, Cannock

- Semi Detached
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom & Ensuite
- Two Reception Rooms
- Gas Central Heating
- Close to Town

£110,000

Barnard Way, Cannock

- Ground Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Store Room
- Ideal Buy To Let
- Tenant in, Paying £500

£87,500

SOLD stc

Woodland Court, Hednesford

- Ground Floor Apartment
- One Double Bedroom
- Open Plan Lounge / Kitchen
- Gas Central Heating
- Close To Hednesford Town Centre
- Must Be Viewed

£85,000

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FREE VALUATIONS

Blackfords Court, Cannock
- Second floor apartment
- Spacious lounge
- Open plan kitchen/lounge
- Two bedrooms
- Off road parking
- Available mid March 17.

£495pcm Sorry no dss & no pets

Pendlebury Close, Walsall
- First floor apartment
- Lounge / Diner
- Kitchen with oven & hob
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Available mid April 17

£535pcm Sorry no dss & no pets

Rosebay Meadows, Heath Hayes
- Semi detached home
- Lounge & conservatory
- Kitchen with cooker
- Two bedrooms
- Parking
- Available soon

£575pcm Sorry no dss & no pets

1 Hill Street, Burntwood
- OPEN VIEWING SATURDAY 3.30-4.00pm
- Fitted Kitchen
- Guest WC
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Parking

£650 pcm Sorry no dss and no pets

Littlewood Road, Cheslyn Hay
- Semi detached cottage
- Lounge with log fire
- Kitchen with some appliances
- Two double bedrooms
- Downstairs bathroom
- Available soon

£650pcm Sorry no dss & no pets

Pit Pony Way, Hednesford
- Modern semi detached home
- Fitted kitchen with oven & hob
- Spacious lounge
- Three bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Available March 2017

£700pcm Sorry no dss & no pets

Greig Court, Heath Hayes
- Ground floor apartment
- One double bedroom
- Part furnished
- Kitchen with some appliances
- Electric Heating
- Available end April 2017

£425pcm sorry no dss & no pets

Greig Court, Heath Hayes
- First floor apartment
- Fitted kitchen
- Lounge
- One double bedroom
- Bathroom
- Electric heating

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Chase Suites, Cannock
- Electricity & Water included
- Studio style apartment
- Fully furnished
- Shower room
- No off road parking
- Available now.

£475pcm Sorry no dss & no pets

Lomax Road, Hednesford
- Ground floor apartment
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Modern Style bathroom
- Double glazing & gas central heating
- Available mid April 2017

£495pcm Sorry no dss & no pets

Sandpiper Close, Hednesford
- Semi detached home
- Lounge with feature fireplace
- Kitchen with dining area
- Two bedrooms
- Electric heating
- Available now.

£525pcm Sorry no dss & no pets

Eastgate Court, Stafford.
- Modern Apartment
- Secure Entry System
- Open Plan Lounge And Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Two Bedrooms
- Parking

£525pcm Sorry no dss & no pets

Chase Suites
- Modern part furnished apartment
- Spacious living room
- Open plan kitchen with some appliances
- Double bedroom Shower room
- Double glazing
- Electricity and water included

£595pcm Sorry no dss & no pets

Evergreen Heights, Hednesford
- Modern semi detached house
- Spacious lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Driveway & garage
- Available now

£695pcm Sorry no dss & no pets

Hednesford Road, Norton Canes
- Detached family home
- Fitted kitchen with oven & hob
- Spacious lounge
- Three bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Large driveway

£725pcm Sorry no dss & no pets

Hawbush Road, Walsall
- Three storey semi detached house
- Kitchen with cooker & hob
- Living room & Study
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Off road parking

£730pcm Sorry no dss & no pets

Stafford Lane, Hednesford
- Traditional semi detached home
- Kitchen / breakfast room with appliances
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom with shower over bath
- Garage and driveway
- Available May 2017

£750pcm Sorry no dss and no pets

Lichfield Road, Brownhills
- Modern semi-detached property
- Spacious lounge
- Contemporary Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Driveway & Garage
- Available March 17

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- KITCHEN
- LOUNGE
- BATHROOM
- GARAGE
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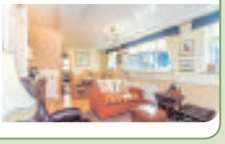

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Monarchy Close,Rugeley

- 4 BED DETACHED
- MODERN DESIGN
- LOUNGE/DINER
- BREAKFAST KITCHEN
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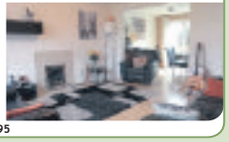
- CLOAKROOM
- GARAGE



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Shropshire Brook Road,Rugeley

- THREE BEDROOM SEMI
- MODERN KITCHEN
- MODERN BATHROOM
- LOUNGE/DINER
- THREE GOOD BEDROOMS
- GARAGE
- GARDENS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATED

Moss Green,Rugeley

- END TERRACE
- THREE BEDROOMS
- LOUNGE
- KITCHEN
- FRONT GARDEN
- GARAGE
- DOUBLE GLAZED
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING

Billington Avenue, Little

- FOUR BEDROOMS
- KITCHEN
- LOUNGE
- SITTING ROOM
- 17FT CONSERVATORY
- BATHROOM

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- FREEHOLD FLAT
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- OVERLOOKING PARK
- SPACIOUS DESIGN
- LARGELY DOUBLE GLAZED
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL

The Pippins, off Rugeley

- VIEWING ESSENTIAL
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Ravenhill Terrace,

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- KITCHEN
- CONSERVATORY
- GARAGE
- OUTBUILDINGS

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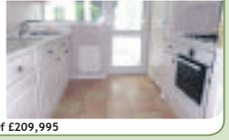
Park View Terrace,Rugeley

- THREE BEDROOMS
- TRADITIOANL TERRACED
- W.C
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- KITCHEN
- LOUNGE

Deepmore Close,Burton-On-Trent

- TWO BEDROOMS
- PORCH ENTERANCE
- LOUNGE
- KITCHEN
- SHOWER ROOM
- CONSERVATORY
- DETACHED GARAGE
- OFF ROAD PARKING



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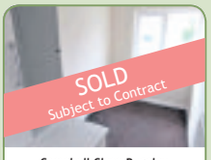
Finches Hill,Rugeley

- SOLD
- TWO BEDROOMS
- LOUNGE
- DINING SPACE
- CONSERVATORY
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- OFF ROAD PARKING
-

Bracken Way,Rugeley

- TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- SEMI DETACHED
- GARAGE
- MODERN KITCHEN
- MODERN BATHROOM
- GAS C. HEATED
- DOUBLE GLAZED
- GARDENS



Campbell Close,Rugeley

- THREE BEDROOMS
- LOUNGE
- MODERN KITCHEN
- COMMUNAL PARKING TO REAR
- DOUBLE GLAZED
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING

St. Thomas Way,Rugeley

- TWO BEDROOMS
- LOUNGE
- BREAKFAST KITCHEN
- BATHROOM
- W.C.
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- DOUBLE GLAZED
- ALLOCATED PARKING

St. Thomas Way,Rugeley

- TWO BEDROOMS
- LOUNGE
- BREAKFAST KITCHEN
- ALLOCATED PARKING
- DOUBLE GLAZED
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- W.C
- HAWKSYARD ESTATE

Springhill Terrace,Rugeley

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Future is electric with Skoda Vision E

Škoda's appearance at the Shanghai Motor Show later this month is characterized by electric change: With the Vision E study, the company provides its first brand-specific outlook on the future of individual mobility.

The emotionally designed five-door SUV coupé can travel up to 500 kilometres on purely electric power and meets the level 3 requirements for autonomous driving. Škoda is intensively pursuing the electrification of its model range, and will be offering five purely electric models in various segments by 2025.

Tomorrow's mobility – planning and development is in full swing at Škoda. The first purely electrically driven and autonomous driving concept car in the company's history embodies the brand's interpretation of electric vehicles.

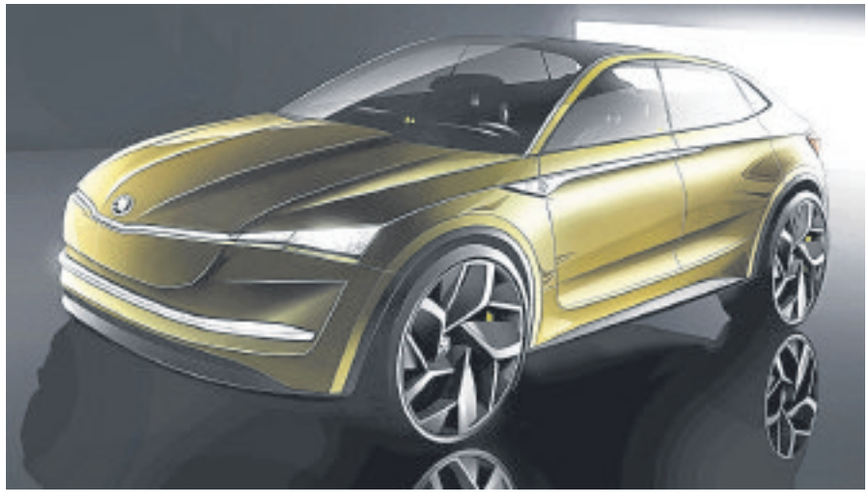
At 4,645 mm long, 1,917 mm wide and 1,550 mm tall, the Škoda Vision E has great road presence. Thanks to the long wheelbase of 2,850 mm, as well as the short overhangs at the front and rear, the designers have created an extremely spacious interior – as always with Škoda. In the future-oriented vehicle concept, the elevated seating position typical of SUV models and the generous space combine with a dynamic silhouette and gently sloping roof line in the style of a coupé.

Thanks to the system output of 225 kW, the Škoda Vision E accelerates instantaneously and dynamically. The top speed is 180 km/h (112mph). The powerful lithium-ion batteries and optimal recuperation allow a range of up to 500 kilometres (311 miles).

Thanks to intelligent management, the two electric engines cooperate with maximum efficiency and drive the Škoda Vision E over all four wheels. The front- and rear-wheel drive is suitably adjusted to ensure the highest degree of stability, dynamism and safety at all times.

Generous space combines with a dynamic silhouette

The car has a gently sloping roof line in style of a coupé



The five-door coupe can travel up to 500 kilometres on purely electric power

With the Vision E, Škoda is also providing an outlook on the forms of autonomous driving coming soon. According to the latest surveys, around 15 percent of all new cars could be driving completely autonomously in 2030.

The concept car Škoda Vision E achieves the prerequisites for level 3 autonomous driving: It can operate independently in traffic jams, go into autopilot on motorways, stay in lane and swerve, carry out overtaking manoeuvres, independently search for free parking spaces and park and leave parking spaces alone. To enable this, various sensors with different ranges and numerous cameras constantly monitor the traffic situation.

Electromobility plays a key role in the company's global growth strategy. Škoda develops its own vehicle concepts for purely electric mobility on the basis of the MEB Group platform.

The electrification of Škoda's model range will begin as early as 2019 with the launch of the Škoda Superb with plug-in hybrid drive.

Škoda's first purely electric series-produced vehicle will be released shortly afterwards in 2020. By 2025, the brand will have expanded its range to include five purely electric cars in various segments.

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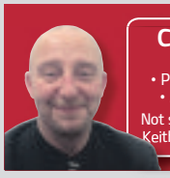
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The car scampers through corners in a way not even a performance-tuned hatch can

Spider senses tingle with new Fiat 124

By Ian Donaldson

FIAT 124 SPIDER LUSSO, £23,745

You know the sports car dream – long evenings of soft English sunshine with the hood down and a romantic country cottage for two at journey's end.

Or there's the reality. Seven consecutive days of hard frost with odd interludes of sleet and snow to add a bit of interest.

A sports car that could survive that week-long chill and emerge smiling must have something going for it. Which the new Fiat 124 Spider most certainly does.

Reviving a famous name from the Swinging Sixties, the newcomer takes its looks from that car but nothing else, except perhaps a certain attitude to enjoying your time at the wheel.

In fact, there's a lot of something else beneath the Spider's handsome shape, where important bits of the world's best selling sports car, the Mazda MX-5 are hidden.

The Fiat 124 Spider revives a famous name from the Swinging Sixties

Important

Indeed, the 124 Spider is built alongside the MX-5 in Mazda's Japanese factory and even uses that car's interior with only modest changes to hopefully give a sort of Italianate feel to proceedings.

Much more important is a change you won't spot without lifting the bonnet; there's a 1.4 litre turbocharged engine lurking there, not the 1.5 or 2.0 litre non-turbos offered by Mazda.

And that has a profound effect on the way the 124 Spider drives. It produces a bit more power than Mazda's smaller engine and a bit less than the larger one.

Much more important is the way adding a turbo has produced lots of low down pulling power. The MX-5 motors need revs to get them going, which you may think is the essence of sporty motoring.

But the Fiat demands less use of its superbly crisp gearchange for results; the engine pulling from lower revs with a properly sporting noise and enough push to surprise.

The Spider is a tiny bit larger than the Mazda, but the same quoted weight and feels every centimetre the lively companion you hoped for while slipping into the thinly padded driving seat.

Once suitably set up you'll find a cockpit that doesn't waste any space and which will make a six-footer feel snug.

Within the confines of such a smallish car, there are welcome attempts at adding practicality with storage

The boot is a little larger than the Mazda

boxes between the seats and on the bulkhead behind them.

The boot is a bit larger than Mazda offers and enough for a couple of squashy overnight bags and the odd pair of shoes besides. In other words, you don't have to sacrifice all the conveniences of a civilised life for a weekend away.

You won't miss out either on the sort of indulgence that makes modern motoring a more comfortable business.

Gone are the hair shirt days of sport car ownership, with even the least expensive Classica model (£20,995) having air conditioning, cruise control and 16ins alloy wheels as standard.

The £23,745Lusso adds larger alloys, satellite navigation, climate control, fog lamps and rear parking camera, while the £24,995 Lusso Plus tops out the range and adds LED headlamps, auto lights and wipers and a nine speaker Bose sound system.

This latter feature will have a harder time making itself heard than in, say, a tin top hatchback.

The canvas roof on the 124 Spider folds back in seconds without a driver needing to leave the seat, but it's always going to make more noise than a roof you can't remove.

Call it part of the sports car pedigree.

So too is the way the car scampers through corners in a way not even a performance tuned hatch can manage, feeling light on its toes and as eager to please as a year-old spaniel.

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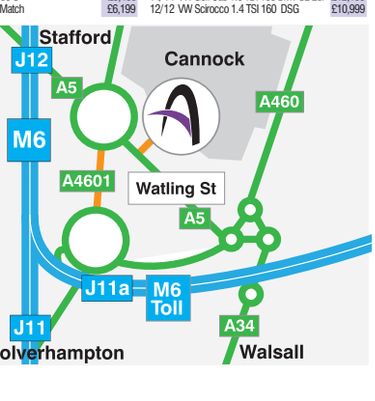

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Incorrect economy figures could add £1,000 to costs

Extra burden on drivers hits pocket

Motorists are being hit in their pockets with a new vehicle tax system and incorrect economy figures, new research has revealed.

According to figures compiled by automotive website Honest John, drivers could be seeing £1,000 added to their long-term car running costs.

Using 118,000 real-world MPG figures submitted by UK drivers, it was found that a car is using 24 per cent more fuel than it should, with just one in 10 cars achieving their official MPG figures. According to the data, British motorists are using an estimated 2,970 million extra litres of petrol and an additional 2,609 million litres of diesel a year as a result of misleading economy figures.

An additional burden is being placed on UK motorists with the new vehicle tax rules set to be enforced from tomorrow for purchases of new cars.

The changes will see additional charges added to the long-term running costs of even the smallest and most efficient cars.

A new Vauxhall Astra 1.0, for instance, costs nothing to tax under the current rules, but even this will rise to £400 for three years.

Edmund King, president of the AA, recently commented on the subject, saying: "Many car buyers are focused on the bottom line of the deal without considering future costs.

"In 12 months' time, a car tax bill that is £100-plus higher than expected for small cars emitting up to 120g/km CO2 may knock an owner's financial planning off the road."

However, a new testing system is set to be introduced to ensure that official economy figures are more realistic.

From September 2017, the New European Driving Cycle will be replaced with the Worldwide Harmonised Light Vehicles Test Procedure to help produce economy figures that are more realistic.

Building on success of first generation award-winner

By James Parker

MAZDA CX-5, FROM £23,695

Mazda has announced UK prices and specification for the all-new Mazda CX-5.

Launched in 2012, the original Mazda CX-5 changed perceptions in the compact SUV segment with its award-winning combination of style, driving dynamics and efficiency.

Winning acclaim from customers and media alike, global sales of over 1.5 million mean it now accounts for roughly 25 per cent of Mazda's global sales volume with more than 32,000 CX-5s having been sold in the UK.

Now with enhancements across the board, an all-new interior and a fully-revised body structure the all-new Mazda CX-5 aims to raise the bar even higher, delivering new levels of style, refinement and driving pleasure.

Designed under the concept of 'Refined Toughness' the second-generation CX-5 features a powerful evolution of Mazda's front-end design, while sleeker sides and a lower roofline underscore its solid stance and elegant proportions. Inside, Mazda's human-centric development ethos delivers an interior that merges meticulous cockpit ergonomics with a sophisticated, high-quality and spacious cabin environment.

A product of Mazda's 'Jinba-Ittai' car-and-driver as one philosophy, the new CX-5 delivers new levels of driver engagement and comfort. With particular attention paid to reducing noise and vibration within the cabin, the CX-5 provides premium levels of comfort and refinement, while at the same time improving on the class-leading handling precision and driver involvement of the outgoing car. With 15 per cent stiffer torsional body rigidity than the outgoing model, refinements to the steering, suspension and brakes, plus the introduction of G-Vectoring Control (GVC) the CX-5 is more comfortable, refined and responsive than ever.

The second-generation CX-5 features a powerful evolution of Mazda's front-end design

Available in two trim levels, the ten model UK range starts at just £23,695. Both Mazda's SKYACTIV-MT six-speed manual and SKYACTIV-Drive six-speed automatic transmissions feature in the range, as does the latest generation of Mazda's intelligent i-ACTIV all-wheel drive (AWD) system.

Powered by a familiar range of SKYACTIV engines, the 2.0-litre 165ps SKYACTIV-G petrol engine is available in SE-L Nav and Sport Nav trim and is offered exclusively with front-wheel drive and Mazda's six-speed SKYACTIV-MT manual gearbox.

Making up the bulk of the range, the popular 2.2-litre 150ps SKYACTIV-D diesel is available with front-wheel drive and AWD transmissions, plus comes with a choice of SKYACTIV-MT or SKYACTIV-Drive gearbox. Sitting at the top of the range, the flagship 2.2-litre 175ps SKYACTIV-D comes exclusively in Sport Nav trim and is equipped with Mazda's i-ACTIV AWD, and like the lower output diesel, it can be matched to either automatic or manual transmission.

Sandard equipment includes LED headlights, auto power-folding door mirrors, dual-zone climate control, DAB radio and a 7" colour touch-screen display with integrated navigation. Sport Nav cars include a reversing camera, 8-way power adjustable driver's seat and Smart keyless entry, plus heated front seats and steering wheel. Offered in a Mazda for the first time, Sport Nav models also feature a power lift tailgate, plus a new head-up display (HUD) that projects directly onto the windscreen and features Traffic Sign Recognition.

Jeremy Thomson, managing director of Mazda Motors UK, said: "The CX-5 will go down as a landmark car in Mazda's history, not only did it introduce SKYACTIV Technology and KODO: Soul of Motion design, it also showcased how Mazda could make an SUV that was stylish, great to drive and capable of luring customers from premium badged rivals. And today the all-new Mazda CX-5 takes this to the next stage, elevating exterior design, cabin quality and refinement to new levels of sophistication, whilst at the same time ensuring Mazda's love of driving is even more apparent in the handling."

The new Mazda CX-5 goes on sale in the UK on June 30.

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There's an extended 'tiger nose' grille on the updated car

Kia puts more punch into the new Picanto

By James Baggott

You may think the Kia Picanto is the car most likely to be driven by your granny, and you'd be right. But now the manufacturer is looking to ditch that blue-rinse image and target a younger age group with its suitably spiced-up city car.

Designed to attract youthful buyers, the refreshed model teams sporty looks with a more focused driving style to woo young professionals to part with their cash. But are the tweaks enough?

Well, there's no doubt Kia has worked hard to liven things up. There's an extended 'tiger nose' grille, the likes of which we've seen spread across the maker's range, smart LED driving lights and a large air intake at the front.

Double wheel arches add some flair at the sides, while a 'shark' antenna – which initially made an appearance on BMWs – has filtered down to the city car segment for the first time. What's more, for added sportiness, the GT-Line specification gets some random red trim – because nothing says sporty like added red inserts – and a twin-tipped exhaust.

Kia even went as far as describing the new design as 'sexy' in their launch presentation. Perhaps our definition of sexy is slightly at odds with Kia's, but we get what they're trying to achieve. Sort of.

There's a little more space in the cabin

The Picanto is Kia's second best-selling model in the UK after the Sportage, so the third generation model has a huge weight on its shoulders to perform. As it's predominantly bought as a second car by more mature buyers, Kia thinks the new tech – such as wireless charging for your mobile, parking camera and Apple CarPlay – will tempt younger, first-time car buyers.

At just 3.6 metres Kia has managed to eke out a little more cabin space by increasing the wheelbase and reducing the front overhang. Up front you'll sit shoulder to shoulder with your passenger, but there's ample leg room and the driving position's comfortable.

Autonomous emergency braking – which warns then stops you if it senses a crash – as well as a smart torque vectoring system that improves handling by braking individual wheels are also available.

Three engine options will be offered when the Picanto goes on sale on May 1: a 1.0-litre, 67bhp, 89g/km, three-cylinder; a 1.2-litre, 84bhp, 104g/km four-cylinder, and a 1.0-litre turbocharged, 100bhp version of the three-cylinder.

Sadly we didn't get the chance to try the latter – that one will be arriving later – but with a promise of 60mph in 10 seconds, it should be a riot. Both the 1.0-litre and 1.2-litre are punchy little units and more than adequately powered to push the Picanto along with little drama.

Our pick – but only just – would be the 1.2-litre, which hits 60mph in 12 seconds, tops out at 107mph and returns 61.4mpg. It's mildly spicier than the entry-level option and just a tad more fun. Manual and automatic options are available across the range.

It's behind the wheel where the Picanto will divide opinion. Older buyers looking for a relaxed and comfortable ride will notice the improved suspension and the capable way it deals with nasty, pot-holed road surfaces. However, the sprightly engines, quicker turn in and faster steering may make them feel a little too hurried behind the wheel. It's these very characters that Kia is hoping younger buyers will appreciate.

Overall, there's a noticeable improvement in both ride and handling, largely thanks to reduced weight and stiffer body, but whether that's suitable for you will depend on your driving style.

There's no doubt the improvements Kia has made to the third-generation Picanto have sharpened up its looks and driving dynamics. In titanium silver or shiny red it's striking to look at too and will likely attract those younger buyers who demand cool technology, such as Apple CarPlay. However, whether these tweaks come at the expense of putting off the stalwart Picanto buyer – buyers who'd sooner learn Russian than work out what on earth torque vectoring is – remains to be seen.

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No need for revolution in crazy world of SUVs

There's a bolder face on the updated Ford Kuga with a more prominent grille

By Ian Donaldson

Ford took on board more than 22,000 comments from research clinics and surveys as it went about giving its Kuga SUV a mid-life refresh. The hope, of course, was a better car.

How much better? Well, you can now push a button to wake up the new SYNC 3 connectivity system and tell the car "I need a coffee", to be directed to a nearby cafe. Same applies to airport, hotels, car parks and the like.

Which is hardly a make or break feature, but another example of how smarty-pants electronics is taking over the world. And very useful some of it is, of course.

Another change being adopted by car makers is the consignment of buttons to the dustbin of design history and crowning the touchscreen as the future for a generation of owners who see an iPad as an extension of their arm.

So, the latest Kuga loses some buttons and gains a big and clear touchscreen. It works well, even if mounting it back into the dashboard makes for some awkward finger stabbing.

And Ford, thankfully, has not gone the full no-buttons road of some others, leaving the heating controlled by buttons and knobs, and all the more convenient for that.

Ford says the cockpit is 'meticulously crafted'

Electrics play a pivotal role in other items featured on this revamp, even if most of them cost extra, even on the high level Titanium X car you see here, ranging from a hands-free tailgate (£150 and waggle a foot beneath the rear bumper) to a rear view camera (£250) and active city stop (£200) which brakes for you and avoids a collision if you're not concentrating.

Ford says the Kuga's cockpit is 'meticulously crafted' – but solid and sensible is more like it andt it all works well.

A new electronic handbrake (not that anyone will use it at the lights) frees up space between the front seats for extra storage, even perhaps a cup of coffee if your voice command fails to find a nearby cafe.

A USB connection point lets you keep your mobile phone charged, while for £125 you can warm your hands on a heated steering wheel, wrapped in leather.

That same covering is used for the seats in the Titanium X model on test, heated in the front and electrically adjustable for the driver.

Other Titanium X goodies include a glass roof big enough to make the most of a dull winter's day, a powered tailgate and impressive xenon headlamps that bend round corners and adapt their beam shape – even searching out the side of the road in a downpour and ensuring oncoming drivers aren't dazzled.

Outside the car you'll notice a bolder face with more prominent grille (everyone's making their cars look more aggressive these days), along with redesigned tail lights, alloy wheels and new paint colours.

Kuga prices start at £21,395 for a car with a petrol engine and manual gears and top out with the £34,915 Vignale with the same 2.0 litre petrol engine and auto gearbox as the modestly less well equipped and cheaper car tested here.

That underbonnet combination produced 39.7mpg over more than 500 miles, including a lot of London driving (bad for economy) and a deal of motorway time too (good for frugality). It also meant a quiet power unit once warmed through and performance that was the right side of adequate, if some way from sporty.

A hesitant step off from stationary was sometimes not helpful in rush hour traffic.

So, this latest Kuga is hardly a revolution but Ford has done enough to keep the car current in a world that's gone SUV crazy.

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Reducing motorcycle-related deaths and injury

Campaigns aiming to improve safety

Fresh campaigns have been launched to improve motorcyclists' safety, aimed at drivers and riders alike.

The initiatives have been deployed in England and Wales as the weather improves, and the conditions become more favourable for motorcycling.

They aim to reduce the risk of motorcycle-related deaths and serious injuries by increasing general awareness and offering additional training.

Both campaigns are urging infrequent riders to check that their bike is mechanically sound before getting back out on the roads.

One scheme is being rolled out in the Midlands, while a second, entitled Operation Darwen, will run throughout Wales from early Spring until the autumn.

The Safer Roads Partnership in Warwickshire and West Mercia is targeting motorcyclists and car drivers across Herefordshire, Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin, Worcestershire and Warwickshire.

Roadside posters will warn motorists of 'danger spots', where collisions have taken place over the past three years (2014-2016). During this period, a total of 528 people were either killed or seriously injured following collisions involving motorcycles.

Vicki Bristow, communications manager for the Safer Roads Partnership, said: "Both Warwickshire and West Mercia are popular with bikers and many riders are attracted to the area, particularly at weekends and when the weather is good.

"We're aiming to make motorcyclists and other road users more aware of the risks that are present when they are out on the roads and to help us reduce the amount of collisions that take place."

The second campaign was launched last week and sees Roads Policing Unit officers engaging with riders at popular meeting spots across Wales.

Head of Specialist Operations at North Wales Police and keen motorcyclist, Superintendent Rob Kirman, said: "We know that bikers are more at risk of being killed or seriously injured in a road traffic collision than any other road user, representing one per cent of road traffic but accounting for 18 per cent of all fatalities.

"Reducing casualties on our roads remains one of our top priorities. We want people to enjoy coming to Wales and riding on some great roads, but most of all we want them to ride safely and responsibly.

"Although Operation Darwen is aimed at motorcyclists, we do look at all motorists as part of the campaign.

"We will continue to target, with a view to prosecution, all those that ride or drive dangerously, at excess speed, overtake on solid white lines or commit any other road traffic offences."

Land Rover launches new visitor attraction on Velar

By Sharon Walters

Land Rover has opened a new visitor attraction at its thriving Solihull manufacturing plant. 'The Range Rover Story' is an interactive exhibit created to celebrate 50 years of the world's most revered luxury SUV.

Range Rover has been manufactured at Solihull since 1970, but its history with the site goes back to 1967 when the first secret prototype was conceived, codenamed Velar. The new exhibit will take visitors on a time-travelling voyage from its inception in the mid 1960s, through to the introduction of the Range Rover Sport and Range Rover Evoque.

The exhibition culminates in an exciting unveil of the new Range Rover Velar, celebrating British design and engineering integrity.

Roger Crathorne (known as Mr Land Rover) dedicated 50 years' service to Land Rover and has been heavily involved in the creation of the exhibition. He said: "The exhibit tells the incredible story of the Range Rover, from the original Velar prototype through to today's new model.

Leisure

"At the time I began my career in 1967 as a technical assistant on the Velar Team, the intention was never to build a luxury vehicle.

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Nigel Blenkinsop, operations director at Solihull, said: "We are hugely proud to build the Range Rover Velar at Solihull, the birthplace of both the Land Rover and Range Rover. Here, we have invested over £2bn in recent years to enable us to triple production. Our business is now Britain's number one car manufacturer."

Versatile

The opening of the Range Rover exhibition coincides with the opening of Velar manufacturing tours at Solihull. Velar is the third new model in a year to be launched at the plant, following the Jaguar F-PACE and new Discovery.

Velar is produced in one of the largest aluminium body shops in the world and is beautifully finished in a versatile trim hall; capable of producing three different SUVs – all built to customers' unique specifications.

The Solihull plant has contributed to the company doubling its sales and headcount in the past five years. This has supported the UK's revival in manufacturing, boosting the British economy where the automotive company provides 240,000 jobs in the supply chain. The Range Rover family contributes £10bn annually to the UK economy and is Britain's largest luxury export.

To book on this tour visit: www.solihull.landroverexperience.co.uk/manufacturing/range-rover-story.

A manufacturing tour and off-road experience at Solihull's Land Rover Experience Centre is also available to book in conjunction with the Range Rover Story.

A 1967 clay repro Velar prototype with 'Mr Land Rover' Roger Craythorne (right) in the exhibition

The new Velar in the unveiling room at the visitor attraction in Solihull

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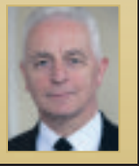

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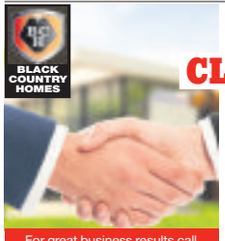

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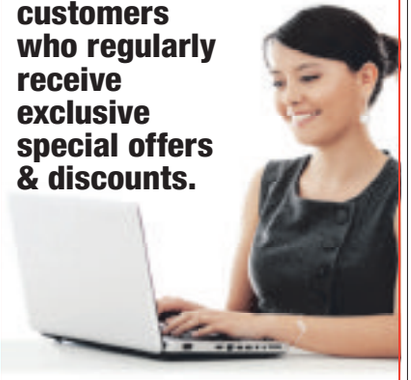

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Bloxwich hit form to floor their rivals

Some of the members with coaches in the middle Sara Zollino, Lucia Zollino and Elaine Mills

Coaching session with Sara Zollino

BLOXWICH Gymnastics Club are jumping for joy following a golden display in the West Midlands Gymnastic Association's George Finney Championships.

The club returned home from Fenton Manor in Stoke, where over 1,000 youngsters competed, with a hat-trick of gold medals and a silver after a brilliant series of displays on the vault and floor exercises.

A total of 26 Bloxwich members competed in the Potteries with Abbey Hargreaves striking gold in the under-13 individual event while the club's under-13 and under-11 beginners also stood on top of the podium. Freya Jackson rounded off a brilliant day by picking up a silver in the under-11 category.

Coach Elaine Mills, who runs the club with the help of her daughter, Sara, and grandaughter, Lucia, was full of praise for the youngsters but had to admit the success came as something of a shock.

"It was quite a shock actually," said Mills, who has been coaching for over 30 years. "We were hoping to win a couple but didn't expect them to be gold.

Specific

"The kids work really hard, and my daughter and granddaughter have trained them hard in their specific moves. The did present themselves really well on the day and worked really hard.

"We were there from 7.30 in the morning to 8.30 at night. It was a very long day and instead of them doing one age group at a time they mixed the age groups around.

"So you had to wait for the organisers to announce who was in the running to finish in the first three. But they didn't give you the order. So we knew we were in the running but when they announced the golds at the end it was a pleasant shock."

The medal haul added to the feelgood factor at the club, where membership is rising with demand leading to an increase in classes.

Mills is keen to stress that enjoyment is the main objective at the family-run club.

"I have been coaching nearly 40 years and I am helped by my daughter and grandaughter," said Mills, who also carried the Olympic torch during the build up to the 2012 Games in London.

"We are a recreational club, which means anyone can come along and have a go. They don't have to pass any sort of qualifying agenda. The main thing is enjoyment.

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By Nick Elwell

"We are a recreational club, which means anyone can come along and have a go. The main thing is enjoyment"

"For the West Midlands Championships any child who wanted to enter could. We didn't choose or select. Then we put the ones that wanted to enter into teams in terms of their ability and we happened to have some good teams. They all worked really well."

The club has found some much-needed stability after a series of name changes and moves and are based at the Ryecroft Community Hub in Walsall.

"Orginally we were Cannock Gym Club, then we were Moat Hall and now we are Bloxwich Gym Club, which has been in existence probably four years," continued Mills. "This particular success is the first one we have had as Bloxwich. We did used to win a few things years and years ago.

"We have had a lot of disturbance with trying to get places that would store our equipment.

"We had to go from one place to the other and then we went to Bloxwich Leisure Centre and that was pulled down, so we had to find another place which was Ryecroft. A lot of schools are not community schools so they don't want to open at night or store your equipment."

And with a waiting list, Mills and Co will be introducing extra sessions.

"The classes are on Wednesdays at the moment but that will be expanding to Tuesdays as well after Easter because we have got a waiting list," added Mills.

"We cater for children from five up to 18.

"The club is thriving, the membership has increased year on year.

"It's mainly been through word of mouth but hopefully out recent success will encourage more youngsters to join.

Anyone wishing to join the club should call Elaine Mills on 07971 378425.

Success on track tinged with tragedy

THE opening British Superbike weekend was packed full of tremendous highs for Staffordshire and Black Country riders – but will ultimately be remembered for tragedy.

A multiple motorcycle accident during the opening Ducati TriOptions Cup race at Donington Park ended with Mick Whalley, of Sheppey, Kent, suffering serious injuries, from which he eventually died. Leicestershire Police and the Motorcycle Circuit Racing Control Board are investigating.

On the track, Brierley Hill-born Michael Rutter, aged 44, got his BSB season under way with two third-placed finishes in Superstock 1000cc Championship, racing fourth in another.

Hednesford twins Kurt and Matt Wigley enjoyed their 'usual up and down weekend' as numerous mechanical issues were mixed in with some positive lap times. The 20-year-olds are battling on two fronts this year, with Kurt in the Supersport and Matt in the Superstock 1000 series.

Josh Hiatt, 13, from Heath Hayes, banished his debut BSB nerves to come away with very positive 12th, 10th and 15th place results in the KTM British Junior Cup.

The BSB series now move to Brands Hatch, Kent, this weekend.

Triathletes face an uphill task in sprint

BLACK Country Triathletes faced an uphill battle in the Sandwell Hill Horror Sprint aquathlon at Hayden Hill. The killer hill course comprised 400m pool swim followed by a four-lap course of the park.

Ollie Mason was first home for the club in 28:34, finishing sixth overall. Zoe Brickley was the first female home. Several junior athletes took on the hilly course, Zach Taylor, Noah Sandland, Tom Hipwood and Cian Gopal in the TS3 age group. For the girls Sydney Williams and Jenny Price.

In the TS2 category were Alex Westbury, Abbie Kennard, Isabell Mason Rosie Briscoe and Leah Gopal, while at TS1 was Scarlett Williams.

New BCT member John Tibbetts celebrated his 50th birthday with his first open water triathlon in Hawkes Bay, New Zealand. Despite a longer swim due to disorientation in open water, John made up time on the bike and run and finished in 1:25:28 and 32nd overall.

In the British Schools Biathlon Championships at Crystal Palace, which involves swimming and running with a rest in between each discipline, Zoe Brickley came seventh out of 27 in the u-16s, Holly Briscoe 49th out of 83 in the u-13s, Abbie Kennard 44th of 147 in the u-12s and Rosie Briscoe 56th of 162 in the u-11s.

Neal spins out in seasonal opener

STOURBRIDGE'S Matt Neal is 11th in the British Touring Cars Championship standings following the season opener at Brands Hatch.

Halfords Yuasa Racing driver Neal span out in the first of three races after colliding with Colin Turkington's BMW. He then finished 11th in the second race and fourth in the last.

Neal's good friend and team-mate 'Flash' Gordon Shedden – who claimed a third BTCC crown at the end of the 2016 campaign – tops the standings.

Tom Ingram, who won the opening race, is second and Andrew Jordan – who won the last one – is in third.

On spinning out in the first race, Neal said: "It's probably the shortest race I have ever done. I got a bit of wheel spin off the start – the start wasn't bad – and Colin seemed to get a blinding start from behind me.

"We then went for a gap which was ever decreasing.

"Whether he tried to punch his way through a hole or not, I don't know – but it didn't work."

Three-time BTCC champion Neal will hope to fare better and jump up the standings at Donnington Park on Saturday and Sunday.

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Head over heels, gym club floors its rivals

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Cannock in finals after 7-0 triumph

Cannock 7 Bowdon 0

WITH a place in the national under-18s finals at Lee Valley at stake, Cannock put Bowden under consistent pressure.

Following a number of close calls in the Bowden D, Jamie Greenwood fired a ball from the right and into the path of Chris Gardner, who preceded to reverse stick the ball through the keeper's legs to make it 1-0 after 10 minutes.

Immediately after the restart, Conrad Willars slotted home after 12 minutes.

With Bowden's first short of the game, the ball was sent wide of the Cannock goal. That was followed by the whistle for half-time and a chance to get some fluids onboard on a hot April day.

Cannock started the second half as they did the first, in total control of the game. Another great run by Callum Mackenzie resulted in a short to Cannock, with the resulting shot cleared but forcing a second short. Chris Gardner made no mistake with a superb shot driven hard into the Bowden net to make it 3-0.

It was all one-way traffic from here on in, with a Bowden foot clearing a ball on the goal line, the resulting flick neatly put away by Gardner for his hat-trick with 15 minutes left to play.

A defensive error gave Hamish McKittrick an excellent reverse stick over the Bowden keeper's head to make it 5-0. With the Cannock boys sensing outright victory, they continued to pressurise the now deflated Bowden defence, resulting with Callum Mackenzie precisely executing a drag flick into the top of the net from the top D to make it six.

With only seconds left on the clock, again Mackenzie made a single-handed run from the halfway line through the Bowden defence to lift the ball over the keeper and high in the Bowden net.

Cannock played outstanding hockey and well deserve their place at the finals.

Club to launch free coaching sessions for tennis players

CHESLYN Hay Tennis Club have served up an ace, with a series of new free tennis coaching sessions looking to attract new children and adults to the game.

The club have created a partnership with British Tennis and are providing tennis for all abilities, especially those new to, or wanting to restart playing, the game.

For five-to-nine-year olds, there are six-week free coaching sessions starting next weekend. There are 10 spaces on each course, and children at the end of the course will received a free racket.

This is in addition to new free six-week courses for nine to 13-year-olds who are new to tennis on Saturdays and Wednesdays starting from April 22.

Adults also have the opportunity to get back to tennis with Xpress Tennis coaching sessions on Mondays starting April 24.

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Students belt up to make the grade

Nick Thomas, Mark Wylkes, Tom Coates, Kyle Wylkes

MARTIAL arts students in Cheslyn Hay made the grade. Three members of Black Star Aikido, have achieved their yellow belts, including 13-year-old Tom Coates, at the club's first grading of the year.

The others were Mark Wylkes, 46, and Kyle Wylkes, 24. A fourth club member, Nick Thomas, 43, passed his purple belt.

Chief Instructor Shihan Tony Brown 6th Dan said: "It is great to have the new yellow colours on the mat and see our students develop and also to see Nick Thomas reach his purple belt."

The new yellow belts have trained twice a week for the last three months at Cheslyn Hay village hall, Pinfold Lane, with some weekend seminars. Black Star Aikido has run from the village hall for seven years and is growing in numbers.

Its reputation has reached out with its instructors invited to teach in Europe and Scotland.

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PITMEN FAIL TO TAKE CHANCES

Hednesford Town 0 Matlock Town 2

WITH a heavy schedule and injuries starting to stretch the squad, it was a much-changed Hednesford that lined up against Matlock.

The game almost got off to the worst possible start for the Pitmen when, after five minutes, an attack down the right was brought to an abrupt end in the Hednesford box with the referee awarding a spot kick. Marcus Dinanga's penalty, was well saved by the legs of Lloyd Ransome.

The Pitmen started to find some rhythm as the half progressed, with David McDermott coming close on a couple of occasions and putting Tony Clarke through on goal in the 33rd minute, although the big striker could not test the Matlock keeper. George Washbourne came close with a powerful effort but, not to be outdone, a free-kick for the visitors was then volleyed just over.

In the last minute of the half, some good approach play by the Pitmen saw Tony Clarke's shot deflected wide of the goal.

Caught

In the 62nd minute the home defence were punished for not clearing their lines after a fine point-blank save by Lloyd Ransome, the ball eventually falling to Niall McManus who made no mistake from a couple of yards.

The Pitmen continued to press for an equalising goal but, as the game moved towards the final minutes, a breakaway by Matlock caught Hednesford short in defence leaving Dinanga unmarked on the back post to head the ball home.

The Pitmen were entertaining Chasetown on Tuesday in the Staffs Senior Cup, travel to marine on Saturday, and take on Stafford Rangers at home on Easter Monday.

Heath Hayes 0 Cadbury Athletic 2

A disappointing result for Hayes, who struggled to get anything going and whose lack of firepower was all too evident.

Hayes conceded to early second-half goals from Obane Barnes and Dan Douse and a collapse looked on the cards but they fought back well. However, despite having the lion's share of the play, they just couldn't find a way through.

Hayes are at Littleton on Saturday, and at home to Uttoxeter on Monday.

Saint Are fairytale 'not over yet'

Saint Are, No 28, easily clears a fence on his way to third place

SAINT ARE owner David Fox is already targeting another crack at the Grand National crown next year after expressing his delight at a second top-three finish.

Fox, who lives near Rugeley and runs Cheslyn Hay-based PP Control & Automation, was joined by his euphoric family to cheer the 11-year-old – ridden by David Russell – to a third-place finish behind winner One For Arthur and Cause of Causes.

Saint Are claimed second in 2015's Aintree showpiece, behind Many Clouds, but Fox labelled the experience as unbelievable – before insisting that the horse's Grand National fairytale is not yet over. "We are absolutely delighted, he ran a blinding race," said Fox. "Davy Russell had never sat on him before and I thought he did a fantastic job piloting him around. He's going to have a big rest now but next year we're going to give him another go."

Saint Are, who lost 18kg throughout the 34-furlong race, ran his third National and Fox revealed there was no secret, other than the horse proving itself more than capable over the considerable distance.

"He likes the distance, it's as simple as that," Fox said.

Fox was drawing on history when adding: "Horses have won it aged 15. He's 11 now and has another chance. We're still confident."

Third place as power is the winner

Uttoxeter 46 Burntwood 15
Midlands 3 West North

ON Grand National day it was Burntwood who fell at the penultimate hurdle in the chase for promotion.

Bonus point wins for Ludlow and Cleobury Mortimer see those two sides promoted while Seam Latham's side will have to settle for a third place finish. In this fixture, they were blown away by the pace and power of the home side.

Uttoxeter led as early as the third minute when they ran good lines in midfield to sore under the posts for a converted try, and then doubled their lead on 17 minutes with another converted try.

After Uttoxeter's lightning start, the visitors' Luke Rookyard went over for a trademark try to make it 14-5.

Burntwood continued to press up to half-time but a clever offload took out the last defender and Uttoxeter were in for their third try. The missed conversion attempt ended the half.

The hosts began the second period strongly. They scored their bonus point try which was also converted.

The scoreline stayed unchanged until the 69th minute when Uttoxeter broke a couple of tackles to score their fifth try.

Burntwood responded with a fine individual try by Holt which went unconverted. The final 10 minutes brought four more tries, three for the home side.

Pressure from Graham Shelley at the second restart earned a line out and it was Shelley who finished off the catch and drive to maintain his personal record of having scored at least one try in each of his last 20 seasons. There was still time for Uttoxeter to have the final say. A loose pass was picked off to round off affairs with their eighth try.

The league campaign concludes at home to Willenhall on April 22. There is one scheduled fixture for Easter Saturday – the 2nd XV at Wednesbury 2nds.

Fade-out brings inevitable defeat

Cannock United 1 Whittington 2

A GAME of two halves saw Cannock fade towards the end of the first and dominated by Whittington in the second.

Jack Parkin scored on his debut on five minutes to put Cannock ahead but overconfidence saw the home side's wide midfield and forwards strolling back as Whittington broke to level the scores on 32 minutes through J. Birch.

In the second half, Whittington were the more organised and eventually got their reward for their efforts as Dan Gill drove a quality strike home to seal the win on 87 minutes.

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